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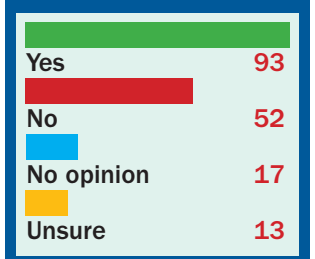

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Tinian Dynasty Hotel & Casino's new ownership application has hit a snag that officials hope would only be "temporary," when the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission decided on Friday to "return" Mega Stars Overseas Ltd.'s application for a license to own and operate the only casino in the CNMI right now.

Mega Stars, when sought for comment, said yesterday it is "dismayed" and "quite surprised," but would continue to work cooperatively with the commission.

The Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission returned Mega Stars' application by a 4-0 vote, citing the investor's failure to execute the proper forms necessary as part of the application process.

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider are flanked by members of the Commonwealth Cancer Association and other community members during Friday's joint signing of a proclamation declaring May 25 to 30 CNMI Cancer Survivors Week, and June 1 National Cancer Survivors Day. There are some 300 active, productive cancer survivors in the CNMI, and nearly 12 million cancer survivors in the United States.

Hospital CEO breaks her silence

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» **Muña: Advisory board role is not to manage day-to-day operation of CHCC**

A week after the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. board gave its chief executive officer a vote of no-confidence, Esther L. Muna finally broke her silence, saying her actions are all in accordance with the public law that created the corporation, which defines her role as head of the agency.

Muña got the no-confidence vote from four board members during last week's meeting. A day after, a group of senior medical staffers led by Medical Affairs director Dr. Sherleen Osman rallied behind Muña and issued a joint statement expressing con-

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CUC's Warren quits; to move to A. Samoa

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REPORTER

Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is faced with another challenge after its chief financial officer, Charles Warren, turned in his resignation letter last Friday.

After four years on the post, Warren is expected to officially vacate the position in July this year.

Warren was hired as the utilities agency's CFO in February 2010. This is a position mandated by federal stipulated orders.

On Friday, Warren told *Saipan Tribune* he is planning to return American Samoa with his family.

"I will be moving back to American Samoa. There, I will be working for Samoa Tuna Processors (a division of Tri Marine Group LLC). STP is re-opening the former Chicken of the Sea tuna processing facility in American Samoa, and

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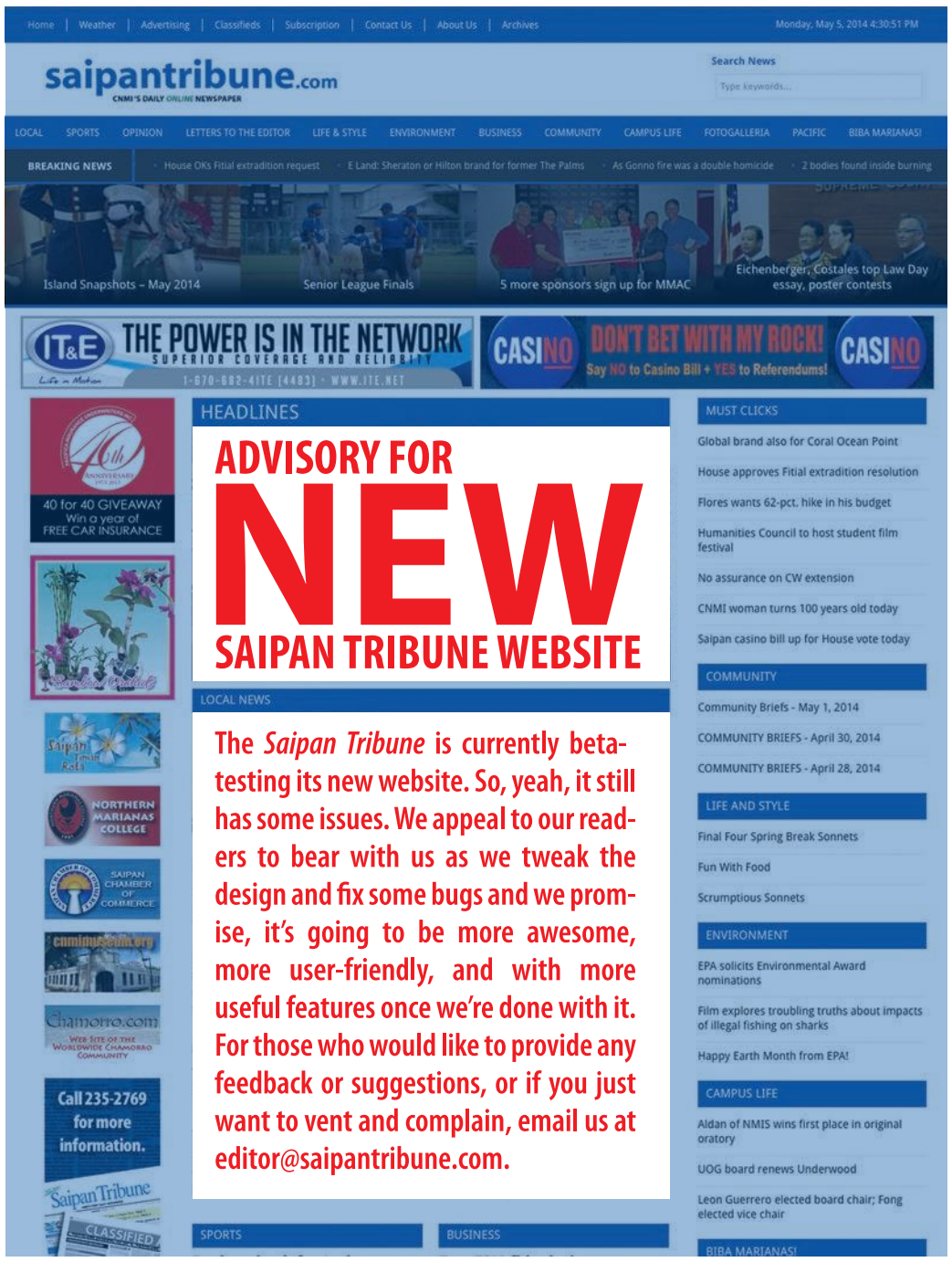
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Inos allays worries over Casino Commission's three appointees

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos has allayed the concerns raised by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, saying his retiree-appointees to the Commonwealth Casino Commission could choose between receiving their pension or their commission compensation. He also reminded that retirees are allowed under the law to double dip, but only for 60 days in a year.

Some SNILD members raised concerns about possible conflict of interest and double dipping involving the appointees to the Casino Commission: former senator Maria Frica T. Pangelinan, businessman David C. Sablan, and former Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. chief executive officer Alvaro A. Santos.

» Inos also plans meeting with CHC board, CEO Muna

Under the Saipan casino law, Casino Commission members will be compensated $40,000 on the first year, and then $20 an hour for official meetings in succeeding years. The governor said the retiree appointees have the option to continue to receive their pension or get their commission compensation.

"They can't receive both," Inos said. "It's not a new thing."

Double-dipping happens when a retiree returns to government service and draws both a salary and a pension.

The governor also responded to concerns that casino commissioners would be in direct conflict of interest for serving on a board that regulates an industry that will fund retirees' deferred 25 percent pension and other retirement-related matters.

"They're splitting hairs. I'm a retiree. I work for the CNMI government. I try to work my best to collect revenues. Is that conflict?" he asked.

He hopes that Saipan lawmakers' concerns, which he said are understandable but are allowed by law, would not derail the confirmation of the appointees.

The delegation, chaired by Rep. Ray Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan), has sought clarification from the Retirement Settlement Trust's trustee, attorney Joyce C.H. Tang of Civille and Tang PLLC, as to the benefit status of Settlement Fund members who are also members of CNMI boards or commissions.

The 21-member SNILD is tasked to either confirm or reject the governor's appointees to the Casino Commission. Tinian and Rota legislative delegations are also tasked to do the same when it comes to their respective mayors' nominees.

Inos also said the Lottery Commission's use of portions of the $2 million total nonrefundable application fee to hire U.S.-based consultants to investigate the two casino applicants' background, capability, business plan, and then make recommendations, are authorized under Public Laws 18-38 and 18-43.

The casino applicants are Best Sunshine International Ltd. and Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc. The winning applicant would be granted a license to exclusively develop a minimum $2 billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

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DPW cancels Saipan-Tinian ferry service feasibility plan

» Tinian mayor cries foul, asks COTA to get process back from DPW

Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan confirmed that DPW has cancelled a Tinian-Saipan ferry feasibility study plan, citing Federal Highway Administration's concerns over funding and evaluation process. Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz cried foul over the decision and is now asking Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority special assistant Thomas J. Camacho to "remove" the ferry planning from DPW and "place it back to COTA."

"Yes, DPW has cancelled the feasibility for now. But it doesn't necessarily mean it cannot be pursued again in the future. Federal Highway has concerns about it," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

A $170,000 funding for the planned Saipan-Tinian ferry service feasibility study is supposed to come from FHA, with the CNMI's DPW as the administering agency in partnership with COTA.

But Sablan said FHA is "not keen" on funding the feasibility at this time because the CNMI does not even have funds to buy and operate an interisland ferry system.

Sablan, however, said if there is a private entity that's willing to operate a ferry service, then the feasibility study needs to be conducted by that private entity.

"Right now, there is no investor," he added. "If the CNMI is the one to operate a ferry, then Federal Highway will not be hesitant to fund the feasibility study. But the CNMI government does not have the funds to buy and operate a ferry."

'Moving backward'

The Tinian mayor, meanwhile, said the DPW secretary's decision to pull the plug on the Tinian-Saipan ferry boat service seems to be a move "backward" instead of a move "forward."

"We want to bring it back to COTA essentially, and away from DPW, which unilaterally decided to pull the plug on the project," Dela Cruz said in a phone interview yesterday.

Dela Cruz wrote a letter to Gov. Eloy S. Inos dated May 22, saying he's "shocked" to hear the DPW secretary's announcement at a recent Commonwealth Public Transportation Advisory Board meeting. The Tinian mayor asked for a meeting with the governor, the DPW secretary and the Commonwealth Ports Authority at the governor's earliest convenience to discuss the matter.

"As you know, we have been working on this federally funded program since January 2013. Your executive director, Mr. Tom Camacho, has done a great job at getting us to the point of issuing a contact for the feasibility study. I cannot understand why the [DPW] secretary would decide to pull it now," Dela Cruz told the governor in a one-page letter.

Dela Cruz reiterated that having a ferry service between Tinian and Saipan is "vital to developing commerce and communications" between the two islands.

"The ferry service will be incorporated into the Tinian Ports Master Plan that CPA is now considering and which we hope to be discussing with MarForPac [Marine Forces Pacific] again soon. Tinian needs this service and COTA provides an opportunity for us to have it supported with federal funds," the mayor added.

In a separate statement, the Tinian mayor said as discussed in previous CPTAB meetings, places like Washington State and the East Coast rely heavily on ferry operations to move residents and tourists along American intercoastal waterways, much as buses transit highways.

"The same federal law can apply to the CNMI, if taken advantage of it," he added.

Back in February, COTA was hoping that any Tinian-Saipan feasibility study would recommend an auto-passenger ferry "so we can bring vehicles back and forth. It's an option for people." COTA had said the government cannot pursue a ferry service without a feasibility study, citing a super ferry in Hawaii that flopped "because there was no study really done, no impact study."

The Saipan-Tinian ferry plan is separate from the Guam-Rota ferry service plan, because the latter involves two separate jurisdictions. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

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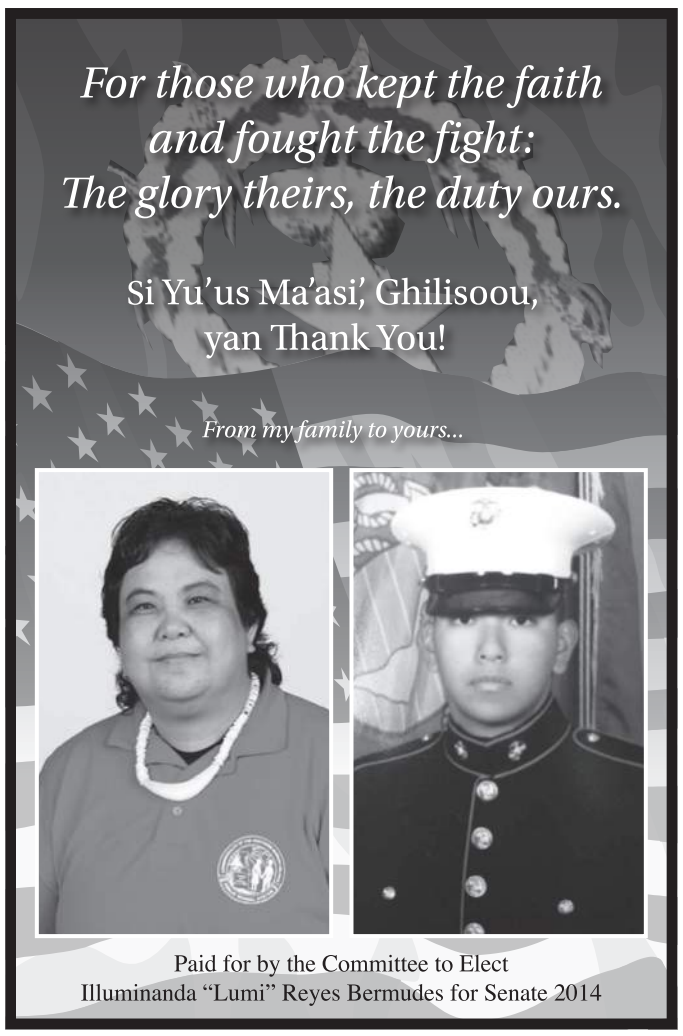
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"They have to look at the law. What's the $1 million for? It's to do investigations. At what point do you investigate? [During review by Lottery Commission.] So that answers the question. Although the Lottery Commission members do not get paid for performing commission work, they can commission investigation because when you look at the casino legislation, the $1 million is to do investigation and things like that," he said.

The Lottery Commission decides whether to grant an exclusive Saipan casino license and to whom, by June 19. The Casino Commission, meanwhile, regulates the industry.

"There may be some issues still but I know because that was the intent—that the Lottery Commission would be the one to do the investigation [through consultants] up to the point where after they're satisfied with the results, they will issue a license, then from that point on, it's the Gaming Commission members that will carry on. That was the intent," the governor added.

CUC

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I will be involved in helping to establish accounting systems and controls. I expect to very busy, since the facility will be growing from a few dozen employees now to over 1,000 employees by year's end," he said.

Warren said his time at CUC went by very quickly. He said he has been very fortunate to have worked with an extremely dedicated and hardworking staff and management team. Although very challenging, Warren said this has been one of the most, if not the most, professionally rewarding jobs in his long career.

"Dealing with the day-to-day financial and operational complexities of a utility business, coupled with the demands of the federal court and [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] in complying with the stipulated orders, while at the same time responding to the numerous and sometimes conflicting requirements of the CPUC and the Legislature make for a very stimulating work environment," he said.

Major accomplishments

Warren credits his great team for accomplishing major undertakings in the four years he's been with CUC.

It was during Warren's tenure that CUC achieved unqualified audits for the first time in CUC history. The agency, at the same time, was able to address and eliminate most of the Circular A-133 audit findings. "Unqualified opinion" is an auditor's opinion of a financial statement, given without any reservations. Such an opinion basically states that the auditor feels the company followed all accounting rules appropriately and that the financial reports are an accurate representation of the company's financial condition.

Also of particular note, CUC has just completed issuing $527,000 in refunds to nearly 2,100 customers and clear the backlog of thousands of billing disputes.

Within four years, Warren said that CUC was able to implement a new customer information and billing system, offer online bill payment, offer bill payment by phone, install a new accounting and financial management system, improve accounting staff quality and training including getting two of CUC's senior accountants qualified as CPAs, and expand the customer service staffing to include dedicated personnel for dispute resolution.

CUC also created a website, populated with information of interest to customers including rates, regulatory matters, service interruptions and outages.

The agency was able to obtain over $67 million in grant funding, which continues to be expended on a timely basis and with no reporting or expenditure issues. The agency also managed to keep the lights on and water flowing despite the fiscal challenges presented by over $22 million in government arrears.

For Warren, none of this could have been accomplished without the extremely hard work and dedication of all of employees at CUC.

"I was just one cog in a very large wheel," he told *Saipan Tribune* Friday.

Warren said he and his family will miss Saipan a lot. "We have enjoyed living here, and have found the schools and extracurricular activities for our daughter to be outstanding. Our daughter will be in the 12-and-under group representing Saipan at the International Tennis Federation North Pacific Qualifier in Guam next month. Such opportunities are not readily available in American Samoa," he said.

CUC chief executive officer Alan Fletcher disclosed Friday that Warren's resignation explained that it was a difficult decision to leave.

"CUC has seen significant improvements in its accounting and financial management in the past four years as a result of Mr. Warren's work and oversight of the financial affairs of CUC. During his four-year tenure at CUC, the utility company received its first ever unqualified audits. Through Warren's guidance, CUC's financial well-being and regulatory compliance were put on a positive track toward becoming a strong utility company," according to Fletcher.

CUC board chair David J. Sablan noted that Warren's concise financial reports have assisted the board significantly in its decisions addressing financial weaknesses in CUC's administration and operations.

Sablan added that Warren will be missed, but extends him their best wishes for his success as he pursues new challenges in his career.

HOSPITAL

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fidence in Muna's leadership, saying CHC "has evolved and come a long way from where it was 18 months ago."

"I am humbled by the support of the medical staff and others within and outside the organization. It is their opinion—the opinion of the patients and their families, the community, the medical staff and the rest of the CHCC staff—that matters to me most," Muña told *Saipan Tribune*.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos said he would meet with the CHCC board and Muña after learning from reports that the CHC board and Muña "are not on the same page on many of the issues so I might call for a meeting" and "find out what's going on."

"I'm satisfied with what she's doing. I guess if you don't have her, who do you have right now?" the governor said Friday. "Anything that we do should be in the best interest of the citizens which is to make sure that the healthcare needs of the people are taken care of."

The governor pointed out, however, that he has yet to know all the details; that's why he might need to call both parties either to be a mediator or "slam the hammer."

"As a governor, I'm going to have to do something," he added.

According to Muña, the board of trustees' role as an advisory board is very clear in the law and it should be adhered to.

"The advisory board knows that their role is not to govern and manage the day-to-day operations of CHCC. If I don't call for meetings to get their advice or yield to them so they can manage our operations, I had hoped that they would understand that I'm simply following the law," Muña said.

It will be recalled that Muña did not participate in the two-day board meeting last week where she was also accused by board members of continuing to ignore their requests for documents and records.

Muna pointed out, though, that "I have walked the halls of the hospital to see how our patients are doing and how busy our physicians and staff are and how difficult it is to work with the little we have. My role is to help them and that is what keeps me up at night. I know the struggles of our patients and our staff because I'm there. That is why I studied and work in health administration."

What she would like to see, Muña said, is the board's full support.

"What a wonderful combination it is to have an advisory board, comprised of individuals with business experience to provide financial investment ideas and work with the CEO in bringing the best healthcare to our people who deserve it so much. If they focus on that and I focus on what I need to do, that is achievable," she said.

The CHCC board earlier said the no-confidence vote was issued as a warning for Muña to start working with them in order to achieve the unified mission of bringing quality healthcare to the public. Trustees accused her of not cooperating with the board.

Being an advisory board, its no-confidence vote against Muña has no legal force and effect. ***(With Haidee V. Eugenio)***

DYNASTY

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Mega Stars has already spent more than $40 million so far "to save the Dynasty from going under," said Mega Stars chief executive officer Cario Hon.

Workers and taxes have been paid, he added.

But the commission, chaired by Mathew C. Masga, gave Mega Stars the opportunity to resubmit its application within five business days "by executing and submitting the forms required, unchanged and unaltered and in its original form."

The other commissioners are vice chair Bernadita C. Palacios, Ignacio K. Quichocho, and Lydia F. Barcinas.

The Tinian casino commission also directed its executive director, Lucia L. Blanco-Maratita, to look into whether the current licensee—Hong Kong Entertainment Overseas Ltd.—should have its casino license "suspended or revoked for failure to comply with the Act and regulations in connection with a transfer of any interest in the casino without the approval and consent of the commission" and other conduct.

"The Commission finds it necessary to [take] this action in order to ensure compliance with the Act and regulations, protect the interest of the people of Tinian, and to abide by the duties and responsibilities mandated by the Act," Blanco-Maratita said in a statement on Friday.

In its two-page resolution, the Tinian casino commission said Mega Stars has apparently taken over Tinian Dynasty's operation and control without the commission's authorization or approval to do so. It said such action is "disrespectful."

Hon said over the past few months, Mega Stars has had frank and fruitful discussions with the TCGCC staff, in particular its executive director, regarding the process that Mega Stars has to follow in seeking the commission's approval.

He said during this consultation process, commission laws and regulations were reviewed and discussed and the commission created forms for Mega Stars to complete.

Hon said they submitted the disclosure forms asking for approval of the change in control of Hong Kong Entertainment.

"These disclosure forms are the 'application' that the TCGCC returned to us without prejudice last Friday," Hon said.

Mega Stars had already paid $100,000 to fund the Tinian casino commission's investigation of Mega Stars and the change of Dynasty's control.

Hopeful

Blanco-Maratita said the forms required to be submitted by any casino license, casino employee, or casino service applicants are necessary "before any action can be taken by the executive director or the gaming commission with respect to its suitability and authority to operate the casino."

"It is the desire of the Gaming Commission to move forward with the application process and suitability investigations but it cannot do so if the application is not complete. Compliance with the application process is, thus, necessary," Blanco-Maratita said.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz, in a phone interview yesterday, said it's always his hope that the casino regulatory agency and the operator would be able to sit down together and find a common ground for the industry to grow.

"At the end of the day, the requirements have to be complied with. It's important that the casino industry has integrity; we don't want the U.S. federal government swooping down on us again," Dela Cruz told *Saipan Tribune.*

Rep. Trenton Conner (Ind-Tinian) separately said yesterday "it's all a matter of solving the differences" together.

"We have to be optimistic on things. That's what drives us," he added.

Mega Stars is also the part owner of Marianas Stars Entertainment Inc., one of the two applicants vying for an exclusive license to operate a minimum $2 billion integrated casino resort on Saipan.

'Mistaken'

Hon said that, while Mega Stars has great respect for the commission's authority and has every intent to continue to cooperate with it, Mega Stars believes that the commission's decision to return their pending submission to be "mistaken. "

Mega Stars, according to Hon, has "purchased control of the parent corporation that owns the company that was granted the license to operate the Tinian Dynasty casino, Hong Kong Entertainment Overseas Investment Ltd.

"As HKE owns the license, Mega Stars is not applying for a new casino license. Instead, HKE will continue to operate the casino using its existing license. However, we recognize that our investment plans will result in a change of who ultimately controls HKE, and as a result, the TCGCC has the authority to conduct an investigation in order to verify whether we are suitable to control HKE," Hon said.

He said Mega Stars informed TCGCC of these plans and appreciates working together "in order to keep the Dynasty afloat during what has been a particularly difficult transition."

'Indemnification'

In a four-page statement, Hon said one particular issue that came up during discussions is indemnification.

He said Mega Stars' understanding is that this is the issue that the commission is now basing its decision to return the investor's documents.

"Specifically, the TCGCC is attempting to require us to provide an unlimited agreement to pay the TCGCC and its investigators for any and all expenses incurred by them if they are sued or claims are filed against them by third parties. This is known as the indemnification request," Hon said.

As an example, if one of the TCGCC investigators went to Hong Kong and committed a crime and is fined, jailed, and sued, Mega Stars would be required to pay for the fine, the investigators' expenses, including attorneys' fees, any amounts owed to victims, and all other related costs, without any limit, Hon said.

"While we realize that this is an extreme example and we know the TCGCC's investigators to be competent professionals who we would not expect to commit crimes, this example is helpful in pointing out how extreme the TCGCC's indemnification request is," he said.

Mega Stars calls this an indemnification "request" because that is what it believes it to be.

Hon said the words "indemnify" or "indemnification" or the like do not appear anywhere in the TCGCC law or regulations.

"In fact, these words do not appear anywhere in either of the first two versions of the disclosure forms that the TCGCC provided Mega Stars for signing. The CNMI Lottery Commission does not require indemnification as a part of its application process. Instead, the request for indemnification only arose in the third version of the disclosure forms and apparently only after the investigators that the TCGCC hired demanded indemnification from the TCGCC," Hon said.

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CNMI Team wins 5 awards in national Mathcourt for HS

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Members of the CNMI Team for the National Mathcourt Competition for high school gather for a photo after the awarding rites in Kansas City, Missouri where the group bagged five major awards. Members include Won Woo Choi, Kay Ha, Hyun Bin Hwang, Harim Kim, Jun Seo Park, and Ha Young Seo.

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The six-member CNMI Team gave a good account of itself at this year's national competition for Mathcourt after the group won five awards at the recently concluded Mathleague.org national high school mathematics competition.

The CNMI students competed in the national contest in Kansas City, Missouri, on May 18. The event brought together 133 students from 25 different schools that competed in four hours of tough math problems.

Back in December, Won Woo Choi, Kay Ha, Hyun Bin Hwang, Harim Kim, Jun Seo Park, and Ha Young Seo competed in the local CNMI Mathcourt state competition and bested their peers. As the top performers in the local competition, these six students earned their slots to be on Team CNMI. Since December, they have met weekly to practice and prepare for the national competition under coaches Jimie Horath, Dora Miura, and Emanuel Borja.

Choi, Kim, and Seo come from Marianas Baptist Academy, while Ha, Hwang, and Park represent Saipan Southern High School.

At the May 18 national competition, their hard work paid off as Team CNMI was able to garner five awards, besting many of the top math students across the U.S.

In the middle school category, Ha Young Seo earned eighth place. In the 10th-grade category, Harim Kim earned 4th place. In the 11th-grade category, Jun Seo Park earned eighth place, and Won Woo Choi earned third place. In the 12th-grade category, Kay Ha earned 10th place.

Head coach Emanuel Borja accompanied the students on the trip to Kansas City.

"It is uncommon to see a single school garner so many trophies. In this respect, Team CNMI performed exceptionally well and showed the rest of America what our students are capable of," according to Borja.

He said in continuing to show CNMI excellence in mathematics, four elementary school students will also venture to Houston, Texas, on June 6. These students, along with their chaperones, will compete in the first-ever Mathleague.org national elementary school mathematics competition.

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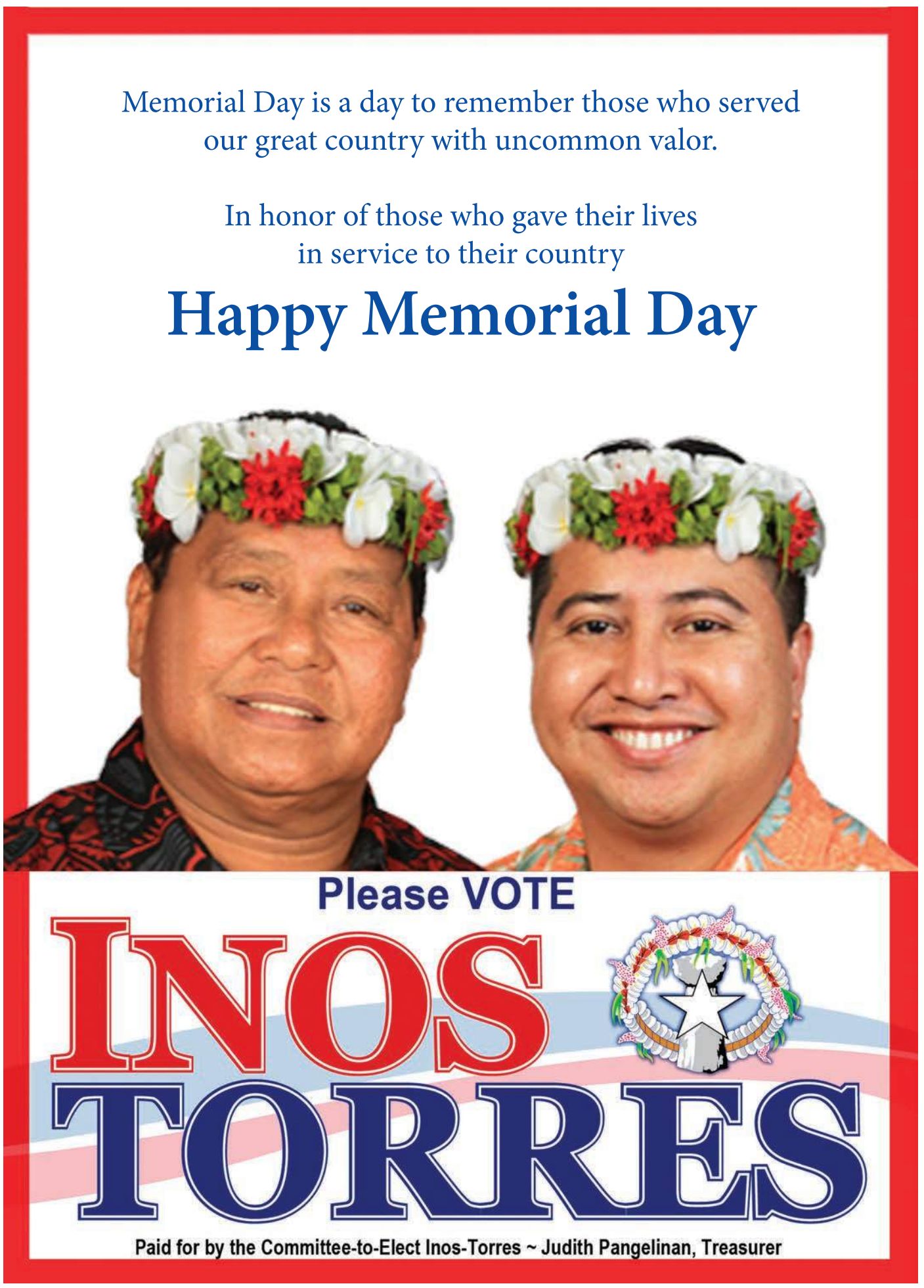
FULL SCALE EXERCISE KONFITMA

Garapan Fishing Dock closed Tuesday

The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Office would like to inform the general public that the U.S. Army Pacific Weapons of Mass Destruction-Civil Support Team Enhanced Response Force Package Training and Readiness Division, in partnership with the Office of the Governor and the CNMI response community, will be conducting a 36-hour all-hazard Chemical Biological Radiological Nuclear Explosive Situational Training Exercise. Exercise "KONFITMA" is scheduled for Wednesday, May 21, to Wednesday May 28, 2014.

As part of the exercise, the southern area of the Garapan Fishing Dock will be closed to the public from 5am to 4pm on Tuesday, May 27, 2014. No vehicles or trailers should be parked in this area.

The public is uged to take extra precautionary measures when near any of the various exercise locations. Should you have any question contact the CNMI Homeland Security & Emergency Management at 664-2216 or the CNMI Emergency Operation Center Dispatch at 237-8000. ***(PR)***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US House OKs defense bill with NMI divert airfield amendment

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

The U.S. House of Representatives passed the National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2015 that includes Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan's (Ind-MP) one-page amendment to expand the existing authorization for a proposed U.S. Air Force divert airfield construction project "at any suitable location in the Northern Mariana Islands." The current authorization is for Saipan, but the CNMI government wants the airfield to be on Tinian.

CNMI officials said it makes more sense to put the divert airfield on Tinian, where two-thirds of the island is already leased to the U.S. Department of Defense.

The divert airfield is intended to be an alternative landing base for Air Force planes if Andersen Air Force Base in Guam becomes unavailable because of weather or war.

"My amendment would permit expenditure of the funds on Tinian, as well, in the event that the Air Force and the Commonwealth agree that Tinian is the appropriate location for this development," Sablan said.

The authorized $29.3 million would construct an aircraft parking apron, a maintenance facility, and a hazardous cargo pad.

The Air Force is presently engaged in an environmental impact process to select between Tinian and Saipan for exercise activities and a back-up airfield in the event Andersen Air Force Base in Guam becomes unavailable.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos earlier told the Air Force that its request to lease 33 acres of land on Saipan for the next 50 years for a proposed divert airfield "is quite an undesirable conclusion as it would impede future commercial development in the area."

The House version of the $601-billion NDAA also approves a 1.8-percent pay increase for military personnel.

Inos issues directive formalizing the lifting of pay freeze for promotions

Gov. Eloy S. Inos issued Wednesday last week a directive formalizing the lifting of salary increase suspension for promotions, which he earlier said would cost only about $30,000 for about three dozen employees. This essentially lifts the austerity measures that have been in place since 2001 under the term of former governor Pedro P. Tenorio.

"Those employees who have been previously promoted to their current position without increase will receive the appropriate increase on the date the Civil Service Commission sets in its notice of expiry in the *Commonwealth Register*. No retroactive increases are authorized. The budgetary impact is expected to be minimal," the governor said in his one-page Directive 2014-03.

Inos said this has been the result of consultation between him and the Civil Service Commission.

The step increase based on attendance at workshops and other training programs will remain suspended, however.

The governor ordered department and activity heads to review their budget prior to approving promotions to ensure that funding is available.

This does not cover within-grade increases, among other things. ***(Haidee V. Eugenio)***

On Memorial Day
We remember the bravery of our ancestors and friends who have given the ultimate sacrifice so that we may enjoy the freedom this country offers.
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Saipan Tribune
CNMI'S FIRST DAILY NEWSPAPER

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IT&E would like to remind its Government and Business customer's that current billing of accounts are due on or before Thursday, **May 29, 2014**. Payments not received by close of business on May 30 will result in temporary suspension of all telephone services after 6:00PM on that day.

To prevent temporary suspension, customers are hereby advised to kindly pay their bills on or before Thursday, **May 29.** Disputed billings must be brought to IT&E's attention in person or in writing by Thursday, **May 29**. Customers must pay any amount **NOT IN DISPUTE** to avoid disconnection.

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- OFF-Island period will be extended up to 30 days with valid proof of travel and approval from the management.

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For more information, please call us at 236-8888 or email us at rsrvn@laolaobay.com

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
CUC-RFSOQ-14-017

DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT, SURVEYING, CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION, AND OTHER A&E PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR VARIOUS COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION WATER AND WASTEWATER PROJECTS

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified engineering consulting firms for the following purposes: Designing water and wastewater infrastructure including but not limited to water main, sewer main (gravity and pressure), lift stations, booster pumping stations, water storage reservoirs, treatment works, upgrades to existing facilities; providing construction management services including but not limited to submittal review, clarification and technical assistance related to contract plans and specifications, field engineering due to changes in conditions during construction, construction inspection, review of partial payment requests; surveying; and other related engineering services on various CUC Water and Wastewater Projects on the Islands of Saipan, Rota and Tinian, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The RFSOQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. Prospective engineering consulting firms for this RFSOQ must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 30, 2014 to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 21, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-RFSOQ-14-017, Request for Statements of Qualifications"* to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, **no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 9, 2014**. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All qualified engineering consulting firms are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the engineering consulting firm due to lack of information or understanding of the RFSOQ requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/ qualified engineering consulting firms for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. All qualified engineering consulting firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from the SOQ submitted by competing qualified engineering consulting firms.

This RFSOQ does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective respondents and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 22, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply Division via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to John Riegel, Chief Engineer, CUC Water/Wastewater Division via email address john.riegel@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all SOQ for any reason and to waive any defects in said RFSOQ, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All SOQ shall become the property of CUC.

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Executive Director,
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

MANNY B. SABLAN
Manager, Procurement &Supply
Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
CUC-SOQ-14-013

DESIGN OF LOWER BASE SEWER SYSTEM

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified architecture & engineering (A&E) firms to design the Lower Base Sewer System on the island of Saipan, which will replace the existing and dilapidated sewer system which dates back to the Naval administration of Saipan. The design will intercept the existing Capitol Hill sewer in the lower portion of Isa Drive, will service the main Lower Base industrial area, and will include a new lift station that will pump into the existing force main coming from Tanapag. This force main will be extended and enlarged from the point of connection to discharge to the existing S-3 lift station at the Saipan Seaport, enabling the abandonment of lift stations S-1, T-3, and the Tan Holdings lift station. Connection of all existing, active buildings within the area served by the design will also be included. A&E services will include the necessary geotechnical and surveying services to develop the design and construction documents. Work must be coordinated with the A&E firm selected by the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF) to design the Lower Base water system, which will be on-going at near the same time as this design contract. This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and all work is subject to EDA review and approval.

The RFSOQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. Prospective A&E firms for this RFSOQ must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 30, 2014 to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC SOQ 14-013, Request for Statement of Qualifications-Design of Lower Base Sewer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 6, 2014. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All A&E firm are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the A&E firm due to lack of information or understanding of the Request for Statement of Qualifications requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/qualified A&E firms for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from the SOQ submitted by competing A&E firms.

This Request for Statements of Qualifications does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 27, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org. Responses to Questions will be provided no later than May 29, 2014.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All SOQ shall become the property of CUC.

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Man who beat daughter with golf club gets 1 yr. in prison

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has imposed a maximum one-year prison term on a 43-year-old man who beat up his daughter with a golf club at their home on Saipan.

"Children are to be protected and cherished," said Camacho in sentencing Paul Raymond Kaipat on Friday.

Kaipat pleaded guilty to assault and battery and disturbing the peace as part of a plea deal.

Camacho sentenced Kaipat to the full maximum one-year and six-month imprisonment for assault and battery and disturbing the peace, respectively.

Camacho said the sentences shall run concurrently. This means Kaipat will serve only one year in prison for the two offenses. He was given credit for time served.

According to court papers, on June 17, 2013, Kaipat beat up his then 10-year-old daughter with a shaft of a golf club, hitting her once on the right arm, twice on the right hip, and once on the right thigh, bruising her elbow and leg.

Camacho said the law allows a parent to administer corporal punishment to discipline a child. Done correctly, the judge said, the corporal punishment impresses upon the child to correct his or her behavior.

Kaipat, however, repeatedly hit his child with a shaft of a golf course, causing bruising, swelling, and bleeding, Camacho said, adding that he viewed photos of the child's injuries.

Camacho is taking a view that Kaipat was not administering a lawful form of discipline.

Kaipat, the judge said, is under the mistaken belief that as a parent the law gives him license to commit violent physical abuse on his young children.

Camacho pointed out that the Legislature has repeatedly enacted laws reaffirming the mandate that children are to be protected and cherished.

The Legislature, he said, continues to pass laws that increase punishment for physical and sexual abuse of children.

"This court rises to the call of that mandate to protect the children in the CNMI," Camacho said.

The judge told the victim that none of what happened is her fault. "No family member should every try to shift the blame to this young child. The blame for this crime is on Kaipat," Camacho said.

It was a teacher who noticed the girl's bruises.

Kaipat beat up the girl using the shaft part of a golf club when her mother told the father that she was not listening to her. As a result, the child failed to report to school that day. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 26, 2006

Rota's undersea volcano shows nonstop eruption
A team of scientists returned this month with new and dramatic video and sound recordings of an ongoing volcanic eruption underneath the deceptively calm waters of Rota Island in the Northern Mariana Islands. Video of billowing ash plumes, molten sulfur droplets, and red lava jetting from a vent are just some of the new materials that the NOAA-led team of ocean explorers have of this long-term deep-sea volcanic eruption that was first discovered in 2004. The eruption is at Brimstone Pit, a vent high on the side of the large submarine volcano called NW Rota-1, located about 37 miles northwest of the island of Rota, in the Northern Mariana Islands.

Bill wants higher qualifications for NMC execs
The qualifications of Northern Marianas College officials and NMC's spending history were placed under a microscope in a newly proposed legislation. Authored by Vice Speaker Justo S. Quitugua, House Bill 15-134 seeks higher educational qualifications for members of the NMC Board of Regents, greater financial oversight of the college, and legislative appropriation of NMC revenues. According to the bill, the academic background required of the NMC president and the regents are "antiquated" and have led to "a managerial dilution and a lack of credibility" on the part of the CNMI's only public college.

May 26, 2007

Congress passes NMI wage hike
CNMI workers who now make $3.05 an hour may see their paycheck increase in two months, with Congress passing a federal wage hike bill that includes the Northern Marianas and American Samoa. President Bush is expected to approve the bill at once. The proposed legislation was approved as a rider bill to the Iraq war spending bill. The legislation will increase the local wage floor by $4.20 in nine steps, over an eight-year period. This is an eased version of the original wage hike bill, which proposed to raise local minimum wage to federal level over just four years. Under the Congress-passed version, the CNMI minimum wage would go up to $3.55 an hour 60 days after the bill is signed into law. Then, it would climb to $4.05 a year after the bill is enacted—or 10 months after the first increase.

'Bad economy keeping local golfers indoors'
The economic crisis seems to be keeping local golfers indoors, one of Saipan's largest golf course companies reported yesterday. Sun Don Jhung, president of Laolao Bay Golf Resort (Saipan), said the golf course has seen fewer local golfers playing in the past months. In April alone, the number of local golfers dropped by about 50 percent, he told Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. "The number of tourist golfers is okay. But perhaps because the economy is slow, many local golfers aren't coming," said Kwang Joong Kim, general manager of Asiana Airlines' Saipan office. Asiana and Laolao Bay Golf are both owned by the Korean company, Kumho Asiana Group.

May 26, 2008

Kaipat: Labor has system to keep projects going
Labor Deputy Secretary Cinta M. Kaipat said the department has a workable system to ensure that there will be sufficient alien workers in the CNMI to keep major projects going. Kaipat said that Labor put together emergency regulations with respect to the implementation of the cap on foreign national workers present in the Commonwealth on the day when President Bush signed the legislation extending federal control to local immigration.

OES raises nearly $25K during Cultural Day
The Oleai Elementary School raised close to $25,000 on Saturday during its Cultural Day/50th year anniversary held at the school campus. OES Cultural Day happens once every two years during which students are required to show up for their attendance. This event is open to the public. This fundraising event helps the school, as it will get a 20 percent share of the total money raised from the sale of food. "One grade level candidate representative has already earned $17,000," said Cultural Day Committee's Liberty Rabauliman. Sixth grade representative Leilighbwe Rasiang, a child of Sesarina and Fritz Rasiang, was recognized as the school's best candidate.

Speeding driver struggles with cop, leaves bag with 3 illegal handguns

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REPORTER

A driver who was pulled over for alleged speeding struggled with a police officer and fled on foot, leaving behind a bag that contained three illegal handguns and bullets in As Terlaje Hill on Friday morning.

Police said the suspect, Daniel Muna Quitugua II, was later arrested.

Saipan Tribune learned that Quitugua is on federal probation after serving a 120-month prison term for armed robbery at a poker arcade in 2004.

Police investigation showed that Quitugua was driving east on As Terlaje Hill when Police Officer Norris Kwon, who was using a laser speed device, observed that Quitugua was driving at 62 miles per hour in the posted 40mph.

Kwon pursued the car and pulled it over by the water tank at Northern Marianas College. Kwon then called Police Officer Travis Hurst on the radio to assist him at the scene.

Kwon issued Quitugua with a citation for speeding.

Kwon, however, smelled the odor of burnt marijuana emanating from the car so he advised Quitugua to step out. At the time, Hurst was assisting the passenger out of the vehicle.

Quitugua leaned over and grabbed a bag from the floorboard of the passenger seat and told Kwon that he was going to take it with him.

Kwon advised Quitugua that the bag was to stay in the car. Quitugua and Kwon struggled over possession of the bag.

Quitugua then fled on foot, leaving behind the bag, which was found to contain three illegal handguns and bullets.

With the help of other police officers and anonymous 911 callers, Quitugua was apprehended at his home 20 minutes after he fled the scene.

Hurst secured the passenger in his vehicle. DPS has withheld the name of the passenger as investigation is still pending.

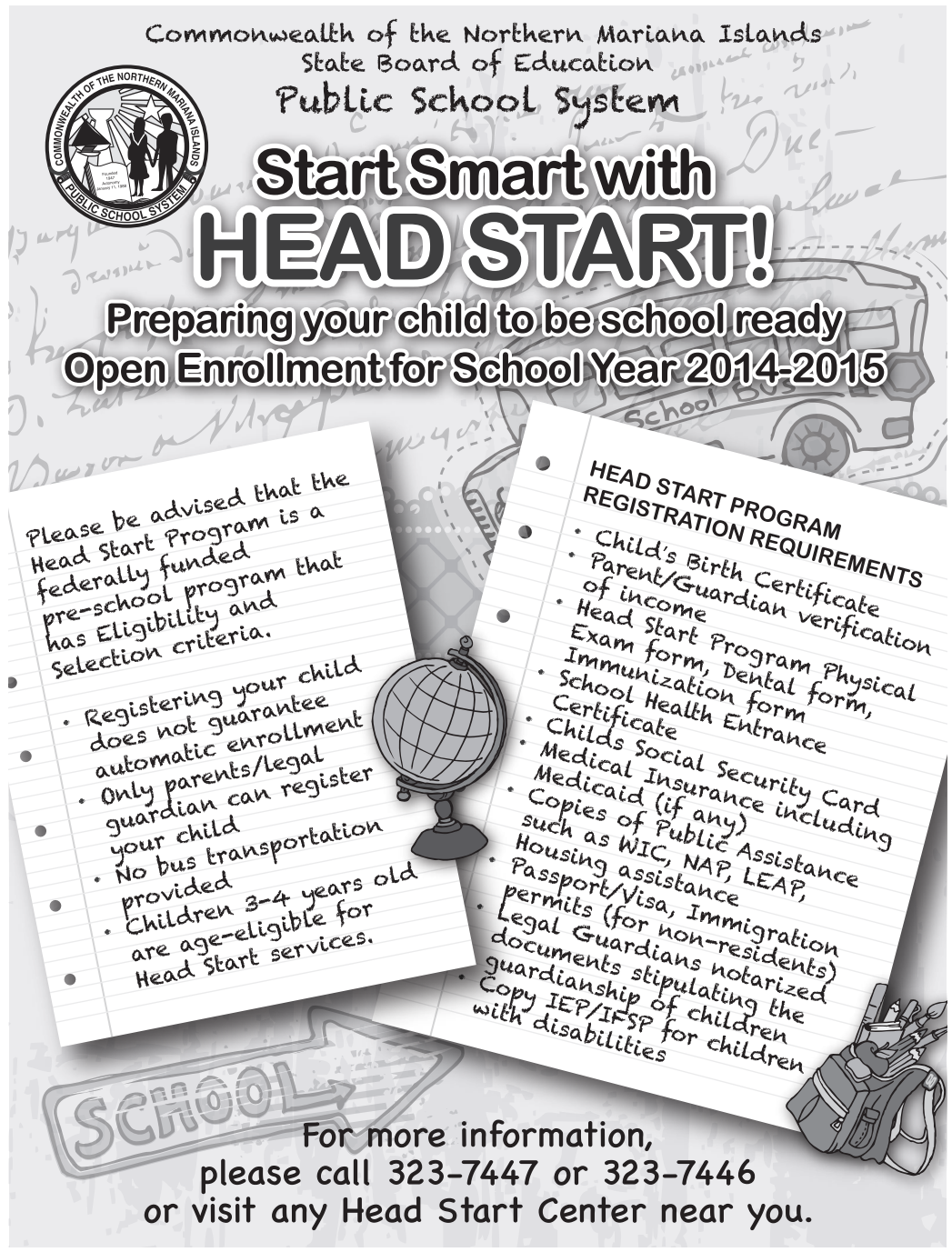
Guam man sentenced for drug in mail

Dwayne Anthony Cruz was sentenced by Chief Judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood in the United States District Court, last week to 10 years imprisonment for attempted possession of more than 50 grams of methamphetamine with intent to distribute, and five years imprisonment for possession of a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime, both terms to run consecutively.

After serving his sentence, Cruz will be placed on supervised release for five years for Count 1 and three years for Count 2, to run concurrently, and is required to pay a $200 special assessment fee, and attend a substance abuse program.

On Feb. 7, 2013, a U.S. Postal Inspector seized a package containing 1,189 grams of methamphetamine. On Feb. 8, 2013, another package containing 1,722 grams of methamphetamine was seized again by a U.S. Postal Inspector. Both packages were addressed to Cruz's family home. The agents conducted a controlled delivery of the second package to the defendant. He told the undercover agent that he was the person to whom the package was addressed. Agents moved in and arrested him. Agents removed the package from an SUV that Cruz had been driving. Agents also found a loaded 9mm handgun in the SUV.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Clyde Lemons. ***(USAO)***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BEFORE THE COMMONWEALTH PUBLIC UTLITIES COMMISSION

COMMONWEALTH UTILITIES CORPORATION RATE PROCEEDING **DOCKET 13-01**

AMENDED NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the public hearing of the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission, which was previously noticed for 9:00 a.m. Thursday May 29, 2014 will now be held at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 28, 2014 at the CDA Conference Room, CDA Building, Beach Road, San Jose. The purpose of the public hearing will be to receive evidence, argument and public comment regarding the following rate requests from the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation [CUC]:

1. CUC's April 28, 2014 petition with supporting testimony for the establishment of an incentive rate, which is intended to encourage large commercial electric customers with their own installed generating capacity to become full requirement CUC customers. CUC's petition and supporting testimony are available for public review on CUC's website.

2. CUC's request that the following fees be either established or adjusted:

Fee	Current Fee	Proposed Fee
Late charges [electric, water & wastewater]	1%	10%
New electric service – single phase	$135	$450
New electric service – three phase	$0	$800
New electric service connections – after hours	$0	$600
Investigation [electric]	$60	$210
Disconnection at pole	$0	$220
Reconnection at pole	$0	$200
Renewable energy installation inspection	$0	$690
Renewable energy annual inspection	$0	$125
Unauthorized electric connection	$0	$550

In its February 5, 2014 Decision, the Commission deferred consideration of these proposed fees for further review. CUC relies upon its July 2013 Non Rate Fees and Services Cost Analysis and Study to establish that the proposed fees are necessary, just and reasonable. This study is available for public review on CUC's website. On May 15, 2014, CUC filed supplemental testimony regarding these fees.

On May 18, 2014, the Commission's independent regulatory consultant Georgetown Consulting Group issued reports on the proposed fees, including CUC's convenience fee and on the proposed incentive rate. These Georgetown reports will be available for review at the public hearing.

THE COMMISSION WELCOMES PUBLIC ATTENDANCE at the public hearing. Public comments will be received at the hearing in accordance with the Commission's Guidelines for Public Comments as adopted on December 10, 2013. Further information about the public hearing and the public's right to participate and comment may be obtained from the law offices of Lillian Tenorio, Esq. Robert's Plata Dr. Chalan Kiya, Saipan [phone: 670-234-7850].

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-14-015

UTILITY RATE & FINANCIAL CONSULTING SERVICES

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to provide Utility Rate and Financial Consulting Services.

The requested Utility Rate and Financial Services will assist CUC in revising the charge schedules for electricity, water and wastewater by conducting the appropriate rate studies and developing the related cost of service models. In addition to these base rate activities, CUC will also require assistance with periodic reviews of its levelized energy adjustment clause (LEAC) rates, water electric charge (WEC) rates, and wastewater electric charge (WWEC) rates. During the two year term of this contract, CUC anticipates filing 3 base rate cases (one each year for electric, water and wastewater) and at least four periodic reviews of the LEAC, WEC, and WWEC. Preparation of testimony and appearance at public hearings will also be required. Ad hoc rate related studies may also be requested from time to time.

The RFP package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $200.00 for one RFP package set. Prospective Proposers for this RFP must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 16, 2014 to be considered.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on May 15, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP 14-015, Utility Rate and Financial Consulting Services to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 4, 2014. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

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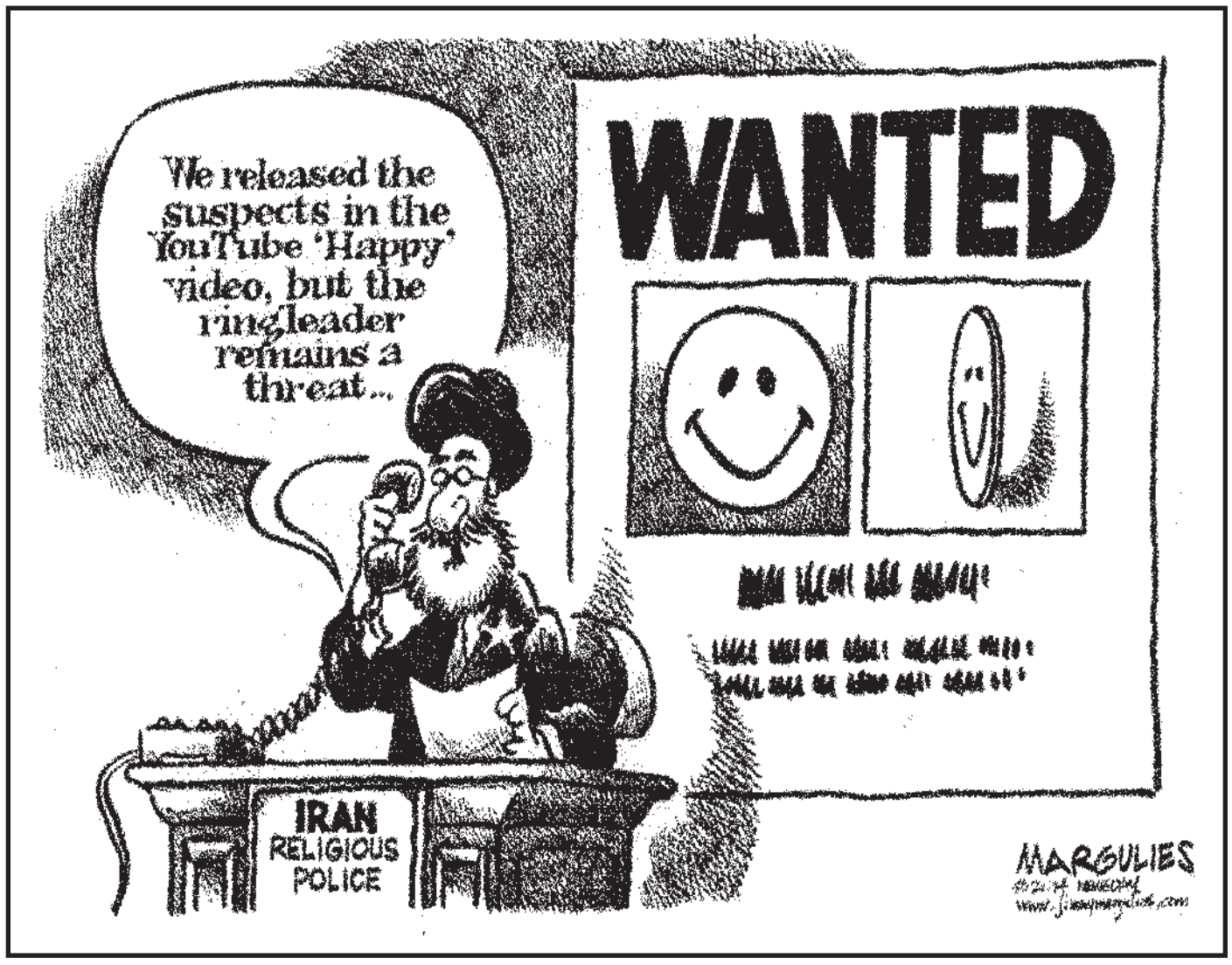
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EDITORIAL

Thailand's coup: May it be brief and end with a civilian accord

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Yingluck Shinawatra was forced out as prime minister a few days ago.

The following editorial appeared in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette *on Friday, May 23:*

The military of Thailand, a constitutional monarchy since 1932, carried out its 18th coup d'etat since then Thursday, ostensibly because rival political factions have been unable to bring stability to the government.

The armed forces had warned the competing civilian groups, the so-called red shirts and yellow shirts, that they must stop demonstrating and work out an agreement. There were inconclusive meetings between the groups, but with no outcome that the Thai military considered satisfactory. It took power on Thursday, shutting down some of the media.

The red shirts are supporters of the family of exiled billionaire Thaksin Shinawatra and his sister, Yingluck Shinawatra, who was forced out as prime minister a few days ago. The group's strength is greater in the rural areas of Thailand and it is, in general, more popular based. It has won all recent elections. The yellow shirts' strength lies mainly in urban areas and they are considered to be supporters of the ailing king, Bhumibol Adulyadej, 86, although he has stayed out of the fray.

The coup presents a problem for the United States, since it is not, by law, supposed to have military involvement with forces that stage takeovers. The U.S. military has cooperative dealings with Thailand's forces, spending $13 million a year and holding many joint exercises. The Obama administration has ignored that law regarding Egypt, pretending that its armed forces did not overthrow the nation's elected president in a coup last July.

The Thailand affair could come out all right, but only if the military keeps power briefly, until civilian leaders broker an arrangement. Until then, Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha remains in charge.

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Memorial Day

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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"*And death shall have no dominion"* is from the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas known to purveyors of English literature. To readers of the New Testament of the Bible, the theme comes from St. Paul's letter to the Romans.

Memorial Day is now our secular commemoration of the truth that death, indeed, has no dominion. It is not because Paul says so, or that he says so in reference to Jesus. Nor hardly has its authenticity dependent on its being in a religious scripture. It is true because that's the way life is, regardless of what tradition one stands on.

Memorial Day observed on the last Monday of May was formerly Decoration Day, commemorating all men and women who died in military service for the United States. It started with the recognition of Union soldiers who lost their lives during the American Civil War inspired by the way the southern states honored their dead. (Slaves on May 1, 1865, unearthed the mass grave of Union soldiers at a Confederate prisoner's camp, and gave them proper burial.) It was extended to WWI uniformed casualties, and later, on anyone who died in any military action, war or no war.

Memorial Day comes at the end of spring and the onset of summer in the northern hemisphere. It is a good day to visit cemeteries, to prepare for incoming ice days, and gather the family if we could. In fact, the last half of May tends to be memorial days in the United States, at least in my calendar, starting with the Peace Officers' Day in the middle of the month and extending through D-Day in June and patriotic Fourth of July. So, rather than a day to close-out autumn and prepare to hibernate in winter, I consider our choice of May more than just a memorial to military deaths as it is a celebration of the gift of life in its fullness.

China just completed its hosting of CICA (Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia) in Shanghai, trying to move the sense of "security" out of the military mindset into the concern of citizens, particularly the internal capacities to stem separatism and extremism.

Born and bred in the Philippines before taking U.S. citizenship, and a part-time resident of Saipan and Honolulu, I am quite familiar with the intent of SEATO that was our NATO in Southeast Asia, and now, the ASEAN, which is our EU. Europe and Asia are not the same, nor are their organized efforts similar but they are both initiated and stoked by the military, political, and economic interests of the United States. Among cynical colleagues in Asia, ASEAN is a coffee break tête-à-tête at a U.S. coffee shop!

One of the provisions of the joint declaration that came out of Shanghai (attended by 46 countries with the U.S. as an observer) was the sense that a military alliance between an Asian country with a third party should not be at the expense of heightened insecurity of the Asian country's neighbor. Historically, this can only be in reference to U.S. continued military meddling in the Koreas and the maritime disputes in the South China Sea, and the sale of Black Hawk "death from above" technologies to Brunei and Taiwan.

When China articulated its need for a National Security Commission early this month in light of the actions of rebels in an earlier attack at Tiananmen Square in Beijing, the machete/bolo attacks in Yunnan and elsewhere, the Uighur attacks in Xinjiang while China's President Xi Jinping was on a visit, our U.S. State Department had the temerity to ask that China prove allegations that they were under internal attack.

This week, two bombs in two fancy SUVs were driven through a busy public market in Urmuqi, Xinjiang (Uighur country) as the CICA meeting in Shanghai was being held. There are in China internal security issues beyond the machete/bolo crowd that Western media continually portrays.

Let us ignore government policies for a moment. As a teacher in the Western tradition for the last 40 years, I am only aware of the type of thinking we imbue on our students when we ask them to "compare and contrast" things, and in our revered methodology of having participants identify the "underlying contradiction" in strategic planning. Nothing methodologically wrong with both, save the compare-and-contrast method often leads to the oneupmanship hierarchical structure of society where one is decreed to be better than another. Though identifying concrete contradictions help planning to rise from mere wishful thinking that deteriorates into the eternal Zoroastrian battle of good-and-evil, we are increasingly getting clear that only in dealing with concrete "rocks-in-the-middle-of-the-road" realities can planning actually move forward.

Memorial Day is not when we draw the line to leave some people out as it is to broaden a circle so that we can get everyone in. In the movie *The Last Samurai,* the Tom Cruise character was asked by the Emperor of the warrior who died with his sword swinging against the volleys of lead: "Tell me how he died." Tom Cruise replied: "I'll tell you how he lived."

A colleague on Saipan is fond of saying, "It is not what I am willing to die for that is at issue; what I aim to live for," is. Enjoy your lagoon BBQ!

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Romanticizing the NMI's future

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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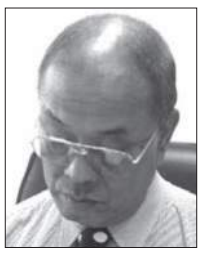

Someone once said that the future is now. It's all about engaging thoughtful planning, employing spiritual wellbeing and mindfulness. But with the way things are today, it's a hopeless case where most villagers literally drown in the filthy swamp of misery in abject poverty. Discouraging!

I had to defer romanticizing or dreaming of a more appealing time of the "what might have been" had we really planted our heels firmly on the ground, strengthening self-government. Unfortunately, we've trashed it in *mañana* land or walked the entire nine yards with grand ignorance. Anyway, let's look beyond what's known as dystopia—meaning "where nothing works"—if only to see what happens when we begin anew.

The NMI did due diligence resetting its button reining in quality leadership. It shifted the usual shallow and hollow nepotistic voting habit to one of fully considered selection of leadership based on academic and professional competence.

Wit this, it focused on "anchor" or lasting investments. Difficult the initial period may be, it took nearly three to five years to begin realizing the fruits of that decision. It was the beginning of a new era or journey to see everybody's boat lifted from the bottom of the harbor of bankruptcy. More lasting investments came to shore. The NMI opted for integrated economic ventures that encouraged reliable revenue generation streams.

We started working the clock on alternative energy. After the system is set and refined, power generation became stable, reliable and affordable. It was equipped to meet current and future development needs.

CUC started raking in an historic $40 million in positive cash. It used its new money to improve water and sewer even on new visitor facilities and residential areas. It eventually invested in underground water source (like the water system in Okinawa) to support the community with more than sufficient water even during prolonged droughts.

The local government partnered with a major investor establishing an industrial park in Lower Base. The new shipyard facility hired more than 1,000 locals and trained them on ship repair and shipbuilding at federal minimum wage. The firms worked with the feds for training funds, expanding training courses at both the institute and NMC vocational schools. Upon completing training, U.S. Labor certifies each employee as they begin new careers at decent wages and salaries.

The need for leadership

The NMI became the shipbuilding venue for countries like nearby Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and other countries that use the sea-lanes for trading purposes. It was a way for these countries to use U.S. built ships to expand their shipping industry throughout Japan, Asia and the U.S. It means millions, if not billions, of dollars more for the NMI. Could this be done? It's highly feasible and it only needs one thing from our side: leadership!

Eventually, the NMI rebounded financially. We finally had enough money for healthcare, education and other socio-economic programs, including major strides in the farming and fishing industries. We started reaping more than $300 million in annual revenues over the paltry $140 million we're stuck with today.

It's the NMI waiting for real-time progress if only we do the thing right—anchor investments—by doing it right. I don't think we have much of an option given that there's nobody else around to make the best of opportunities for us.

The new lasting investments enabled local government to focus on improving wealth and jobs creation. Not only was the NMI successful in jobs creation, it also ably paved the way for "good paying jobs."

It seems all is well and dandy but equally discouraging is the obvious fracturing and trashing of opportunities to make these isles a better place to live. I only found it by romanticizing the "what might have been." Moving in this direction requires leadership whose mettle is grounded in his/her vision and spiritual wellbeing—helping others move ahead—over the greedy agenda of self.

The Manglona decision

The Manglona decision in the Davis lawsuit allowing voting on local initiatives, e.g., disposition of Article 12, drew mixed reactions from the community.

Locals are quizzing why should someone who isn't an owner of land on the islands (legally prohibited by this constitutional provision) be allowed to vote on the issue?

It brings into focus "equal rights" for all citizens or "equal representation" where the indigenous people in territories and the NMI have only seen inequality. Are we supposed to tacitly accept such inequities with servility?

I understand U.S. history on this score but how do we satisfy "equality" that is basically unequal all the way around. Why would geography (outside the 50 states) prohibit the participation of citizens in voting for U.S. presidents?

Why the indignity of participation in only one chamber of the U.S. Congress where the vote of delegates count when it doesn't count and doesn't count when it counts? Why are Native Americans allowed to limit landownership to Indians while the same standard is seen as unconstitutional out here?

These are legitimate questions requiring resolution far removed from imposing legal excuses emanating from the viewpoint of the founding fathers. The issue is the truthful attainment of equality in the rights of *all* citizens and representation in the most powerful chambers on earth.

In recent past, these questions were relegated to the intent of the founding fathers or taxes territories must remit into the federal coffers. It's difficult amending pertinent provisions of the U.S. Constitution given that this would require approval by some 34 states.

As such, the ball of inequality rolls on in perpetuity doused with more legal rationalization than the actual effort to resolve the issue with finality. Answers to these issues must be attained hopefully someday soon. A pipe dream?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Is this fair?

As a private and taxpaying citizen of the CNMI for the past 20 years, I would like to address this open letter to the leaders of the CNMI, especially that Republican leadership now in office.

I have read in the *Marianas Variety*, May 8, 2014 issue, the article from DPL justifying the 1 percent fee that Don Pedro wants to charge the Street Market vendors. I also read the letter to the editor by Mr. Edward Peter dated May, 9, 2014, on the same subject. This was also followed by a letter from Mr. Juan Pan Guerrero that appeared in *Marianas Variety* on May, 15, 2014.

The explanation from Don Pedro Tenorio is that it is fair to charge the 1 percent because it is a prime location. What Mr. Pedro Tenorio doesn't understand is that the 1 percent is in addition to the $50 that CCA is charging each vendor every Thursday night. If you'll calculate, $50 times four nights a month equals to $200 monthly, which is what the vendors pay for use roughly for four hours only for a tiny cubicle. It is in fact very high. To put another 1 percent of the gross on top of this already high fee is ridiculous. It is an indication that the DPL secretary has lost touch with reality, especially in conducting business professionally and fairly.

I mention fairly and professionally because if the DPL chief is a sincere and honest individual, how can he allow some big businesses to use four nice cement houses is Marpi for only $100 a year or allow the Kinpachi Restaurant to conduct business at the Paseo grounds adjacent to their business, which is more prime property, for free? The same holds true for all the other businesses around the Paseo that covers the drainage space and use for their own business activity for free.

Leaders, do your homework and see for yourself whether the aging DPL secretary's logic is fair. Perhaps he needs to be entertained by the small vendors just like the big golf courses that shower him with lavish trips, gifts, free drinks and meals, etc., that might open his eyes since that is his modus operandi.

Another issue that the new leaders should be aware of is the proposed farming fee increase in Kagman by the DPL chief's brother as director of Agriculture.

Leaders, please if we can waive taxes and give cheap prices for golf courses for outside people, why can't we give local people a break and give them some incentives since they are not asking for taxes and are already paying gross receipt taxes to the government.

The lesson that I'm trying to advocate is that, retirees like the two Tenorio brothers should not be back on government payroll. They are obsolete. Instead, the government should hire young people that are educated and will bring fresh new knowledge to our government. Please stop hiring reject retirees that are only interested in being given high salaries with lavish entertainment and frequent off-island trips under the guise of attracting new investors. What about the local small vendors and farmers that have been paying their share of taxes and are not asking for a break since they want to support their government, which is supposed to be fair and objective in their operations. I hope that the leaders will take note of the above and have them corrected before the election this November. Otherwise, the Republican Party will lose five votes (me and my family) this coming November.

Manuel A. Castro
Dandan, Saipan

A CHC-CUC-retirees-PSS-land sales and compensation and other solutions

All of the entities and financial challenges in this title and more were used to promote the casino in the past decade, which no one can deny. But the reality is the casino can't fix any of these things, especially when it hasn't even been built and will take years for us to reap the full benefits of a casino and it still might not be enough funding. The entire world is now looking at changing their stance on marijuana, which we know is the one cash crop that can fix our economy. If you want CHC to have ample funding, if you want the government to subsidize our CUC payments, if you want the Retirement Fund fully restored, PSS fully funded, the right to sell your private land and land compensation fully paid off, the public service ferry system and a host of other things done for the CNMI, then you should be doing all you can as a citizen to help in the promotion of the referendums and the legalization of marijuana in the CNMI. We can collect hundreds of millions every year!

There is no more shame in promoting legalization like in the past as times have changed. What more inspiration and proof do we need than the President and members of Congress asking us to reform our marijuana laws and two states that have proven legalizing it is capable of being a billion-dollar industry for states. The great thing about the CNMI's proposed law is that our government will collect all the sales money, leaving Colorado and Washington in our wake when it comes to generating revenues. If the CNMI law becomes a reality as a better controlled operation, you can be assured that it will become the gold standard for legalization as a state operation eliminates all of the adverse challenges that Colorado and Washington faced with the four private dispensaries that purchased marijuana from drug cartels, instead of a licensed grower and the sales to youth can also be fully prevented and controlled by the state.

I don't think our leaders even want to do something great for the CNMI as they continue to be silent on the legalization as if they never smoked pot and the issue doesn't even exist. Hypocrites! But I am going to ask voters to help us all in sending them a message loud and clear as to what we the people want in this election. Politicians have traditionally told us what they plan to do for election season that usually never happens anyway. But this time we are going to switch it around and put the earnest on the present leaders and their opposition who are running for office to do what the people want for a change. There are six different referendums and two marijuana initiatives being circulated and our leaders won't lift a finger to help put a single one of them on the ballot for the people to decide. They are acting like political gods, denying the people their right to decide. So if you representatives and senators don't want to see you name up in lights on billboards around the island, I would suggest you start showing some respect and even support some of these referendums and the marijuana initiative, which we know can fix our economy. This is not a threat but a promise!

P.S.: Political science dictates that with six different referendums and two initiatives being circulated, if our leaders don't start doing what the people want they will be judged and even found guilty in November.

Ambrose Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

The Weather

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5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼80
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼81

Around The Globe

Auckland	Windy	▲58	▼42
Beijing	Sunny	▲97	▼66
Hong Kong	Partly Cloudy	▲85	▼79
Honolulu	Thundershowers	▲82	▼73
London	Rain	▲59	▼53
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲78	▼62
Manila	Thundershowers	▲94	▼81
Melbourne	Cloudy	▲71	▼63
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲87	▼75
New York	Showers	▲77	▼63
Osaka	Rain	▲69	▼65
Paris	Showers	▲66	▼54
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲76	▼63
Rome	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼58
Salem	Cloudy	▲71	▼53
San Francisco	Sunny	▲69	▼56
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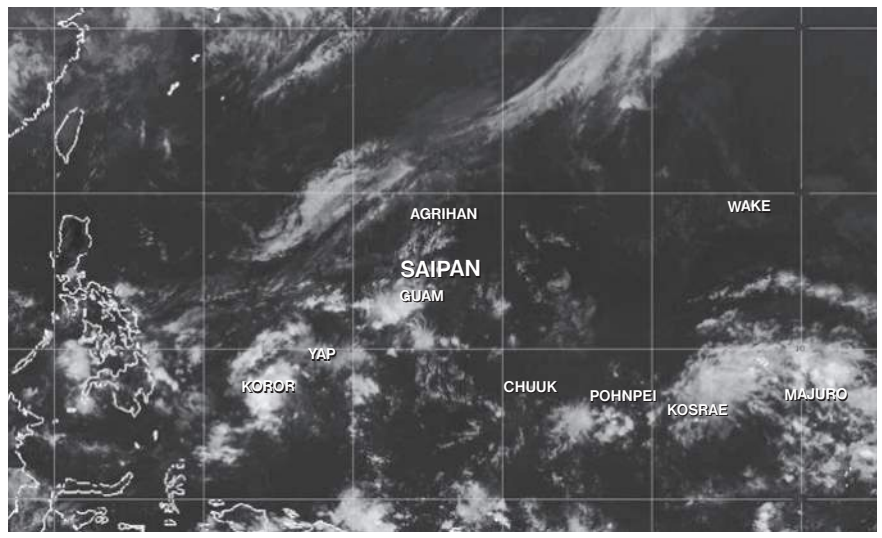
Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough extends northeastward from 18N136E to 25N148E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found west of the far northern CNMI along and up to 200 miles northwest of a line from 16N134E to 21N144E. A trade-wind disturbance is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms near Guam within an area bounded by a line from 15N145E to 10N146E to 12N138E back to 15N145E. A surface trough curves northeastward from 3N132E to 7N132E to 10N135E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present across Koror and Yap within 200 miles of a line from 4N130E to 9N138E. A trade-wind disturbance is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms from near Kosrae to the central Marshall Islands within 150 miles of a line from 6N162E to 10N172E. Trade-wind convergence is producing scattered showers south of Majuro and over Butaritari within an area bounded by a line from 6N168E to 9N174E to 4N180 to EQ171E back to 6n168e.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:24 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.8 Feet
6:09 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
1:20 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
7:56 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Tuesday	5:46 AM	6:42 PM
Wednesday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Thursday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM
Friday	5:46 AM	6:43 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	3:36 AM	4:27 PM
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Wednesday	5:10 AM	6:15 PM
Thursday	5:59 AM	7:07 PM
Friday	6:49 AM	7:57 PM

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SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:30pm	4:10pm	6, 7 via Rota
UA5078	3:20pm	4:10pm	1, 5
UA5038	3:20pm	4:10pm	2, 4
UA5040	7:05pm	7:55pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:50pm	11:40pm	1, 5

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	2:30pm	3:05pm	6, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	3:35pm	4:10pm	6, 7

SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)

DL287	6:05am	11:20pm	2, 6 via NRT

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	1, 3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764A	3:30am	7:30am	4, 7
MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5070/183	4:15am	9:10pm	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5039/183	2:30pm	9:10pm	6, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	2 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	8:45pm	5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	1 via GUM
UA5038/183	3:20pm	9:10pm	4 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5068/179	8:40am	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
D28009	12:50pm	4:05pm	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA5039/179	2:30pm	9:55pm	6 via Rota-GUM
UA5078/179	3:20pm	9:55pm	1, 5 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	1:10pm	2:00pm	6, 7
UA5038	1:10pm	2:50pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5077	2:00pm	2:50pm	1, 5
UA5041	5:45pm	6:35pm	1, 5
UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5043	9:30pm	10:20pm	1, 5

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	1:10pm	1:45pm	2, 4

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	2:15pm	2:50pm	2, 4

PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN

DL298	4:30am	3:00pm	3, 7 via NRT

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763A	6:50pm	2:30am+1	3, 6
MU763	7:20am	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/603	12:10am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
DL172/288	7:55am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5077	9:55am	8:05pm	3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/5039	10:25pm	2:00pm+1	6 via GUM
UA184/5038	10:25pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA184/5077	10:25pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 6 via GUM
UA184/5043	10:25pm	10:20pm+1	4, 7 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via GUM
UA184/5071	11:30pm	8:05am+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5039	11:30pm	2:00pm+1	5 via GUM
UA184/5077	11:30pm	8:05pm+1	2, 5 via GUM-Rota

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	1, 3, 5, 7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
D28008	6:05pm	1:20am+1	May 18, 22, 27, June 1, 5, 10, 15, 19, 24, 29, July 3, 8, 13, 17, 22, 27, 31
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5039	9:55pm	2:00pm+1	5, 6 via GUM
UA180/5038	9:55pm	2:50pm+1	1, 3 via GUM-Rota
UA180/5077	9:55pm	8:05pm+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Saipan International School graduates 15

» Chang Hyun Song is class valedictorian

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Fifteen students from Saipan International School took their last walk as high school students across Saipan World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom and onto the stage as graduating seniors. Dozens of family and friends filled the ballroom on Saturday to witness the students take the next step in their educational journey.

The 2014 graduating class from Saipan's only international school was composed of Jeane Lucksanawdee Bracken, Hye Ryeong Chun, Julien Florencondia Estopado, DaeGeun Ji, Michael Emil Johnson, Byong Ha Kim, MinSuk Kim, Jong-Seo Koo, Christopher Flores Lam, James Jung Myung Lim, Clay McCullough-Stearns, Sungbae Park, Kristle Kaye Ogbac Richardson, Chang Hyun Song, and Alex Xie.

Chang Hyun Song was named as the 20th graduating class' valedictorian. Song, who graduated with an accumulative grade-point-average of 3.84, told his classmates that grades do not reflect who they genuinely are as people and that life experience is what matters.

"Grades do not matter as much as life experience and our parents have lived far, far longer than we have. Parents are smarter than they appear. Listening to their advice helps a lot but the one who decides is you," he said in his speech. "From now on our decisions will determine our lives and every one we make will entail responsibility."

At this point of his address the 17-year-old student tore his speech to pieces and drew gasps from the audience.

"I want to get rid of the scripted words and tell you guys what I feel from my heart."

Song then spoke of the moment that he said became the turning point of his life—when he was diagnosed with pneumothorax in his freshman year of high school.

"At first, I wondered why I should be the one who gets the disease and suffer from it," he said. "Because of this disease I was stuck in the hospital for about four months, missing my first high school year, and it was not pleasant at all and it was pretty painful because I literally had multiple tubes stuck in my body."

He said he eventually realized that the difficulty in his life was a stepping stone for him to grow.

"There are always unexpected obstacles in your life and you have to sometimes face them directly and learn to utilize the situation rather than give up," he told the graduates.

The challenge also taught him that there is always more than one choice and that people must think differently in order to see obstacles as good challenges.

"Facing my own challenges today, not just during the time I had pneumothorax, has really helped me."

Song thanked his classmates, SIS teachers, family, and the administration for their unconditional love and support for him during high school.

Song is the son of Ki Chul Song and Hyang Mi Kim. He will be flying to England later this year to study at the University of Nottingham.

The class salutatorian, Byong Ha Kim, expressed similar sentiments about closing the last chapter of high school.

CHANG HYUN SONG
Valedictorian

BYONG HA KIM
Salutatorian

Kim, the school's renowned artist and musician, said he did not have much ambition to study or hone his skills before coming to Saipan. "Saipan was the perfect place for me to grow."

He added that throughout his time on island he has learned that the most important factor of happy living is people.

The misty-eyed Kim told the graduates, "I realized that after today I will not be able to see you and I am very sad. I have no doubt that every single one of you has the potential to succeed in life. Remain positive even in the harshest of circumstances, because they allow us to become happier individuals."

Student Council president and fellow graduate Michael Johnson said that Saturday's commencement ceremony was "long-awaited and a good feeling." "I think that SIS overall was the fit for me. The class has supported me the whole way and graduating is such a relief."

SIS Headmaster Dr. Dale Jenkins congratulated the graduates, describing the class as unique "in my experience of over 30 years in education. They have not only succeeded academically, but socially, emotionally, and culturally," he told the *Saipan Tribune*. "They have taken over four hours of Advanced Placement examinations and a number of challenges that are much too numerous to mention but it is sufficient to say that these young men and women have certainly earned my respect and I would also think they earned everybody in this audience's respect."

The class has distinguished itself outside the classroom as well, Jenkins said. He praised them for the several academic and athletic accolades they garnered over the past four years.

"You [the graduates] have set a standard of behavior that will be very difficult for other people to measure up to," he said.

Jenkins was joined by board chair Tammy Doty, office manager Mili Saiki, and other faculty and staff at the event.

This year's graduating class was under the guidance of high school team leader Keith Tessen.

The 15 graduates of Saipan International School's Class of 2014.

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Dozens of friends and families of the 2014 Saipan International School graduating class look on as Byong Ha Kim delivers his salutatorian address last Saturday at World Resort's Royal Taga Ballroom.

Man, 63, admits selling 'ice' near NMC

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Le Xiang Chen, one of seven persons arrested in February by joint local and federal law enforcements for alleged distribution of methamphetamine or "ice," pleaded guilty in federal court last week.

Chen, 63, and his court-appointed counsel, Bruce Berline, signed a plea deal with the U.S. government.

At a hearing on Thursday afternoon, Chen pleaded guilty to count 1 of the indictment charging him with distribution of methamphetamine near a school.

The offense carries a maximum penalty of 40 years imprisonment and a $2-million fine.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona accepted Chen's guilty plea and set his sentencing for Sept. 12, 2014 at 10am.

Manglona vacated the jury trial scheduled for June 2, 2014.

Chen was remanded into the custody of the U.S. Marshal.

Under the plea deal, Chen agrees to forfeit to the U.S. government all of his interest to $750 cash in proceeds from the drug transaction.

According to the plea agreement, on Nov. 8, 2012, Chen sold 2.8 grams of "ice" to a confidential source of the Drug Enforcement Administration for $750.

The sale took place at Chen's residence in Finasisu, which is within 1,000 feet of the Northern Marianas College campus.

Aside from Chen, the six others arrested last February were Bao Zhong Wang, Xing Bo Fang, Yu Hua Wang, Hong Wang, Daniel A. Castro, and Vicente S. Palacios. Except for Fang, everyone had already pleaded guilty.

NMC highlights top achievers in graduation rites

» 8 graduate with summa cum laude honors, 27 with magna cum laude honors, and 25 cum laude honors

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Approximately 160 graduates of the Northern Marianas College were presented with their diplomas during Saturday's commencement rites.

The Northern Marianas College held this year's commencement rites on Saturday, bestowing a slew of awards on eight students during a ceremony at a packed Marianas High School Gymnasium.

NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, along with Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman and other college officials, bestowed the Academic Excellence Award on Raissa Belle A. Ferrer, Tatiana A. Babauta, and Querlaine Dlg. Blas for being the top graduates in the bachelor degree level.

The same award was presented to Nicole I. Sablan and Kimberly T. Alcantara as the top graduates in the associate degree level.

In their remarks, the five most outstanding graduates dedicated their achievements to their families, mentors, friends, and supporters who in one way or another helped them succeed in their college studies.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos joined college officials in honoring this year's recipients of the prestigious Student Leadership Award that was bestowed on Verna Y. Deleon Guerrero for the associate degree level and Koniko M. Nazakato for the bachelor degree program.

The Community Service Award was presented to Jatanna Cabrera from the associate degree program.

According to Hart, this year's batch of graduates is the second largest ever recorded by the college. NMC conferred diplomas and certificates Saturday to about 160 individuals.

Eight students graduated with summa cum laude honors, 27 with magna cum laude honors, and 25 with cum laude honors.

NMC conferred diplomas to graduates of the following programs: associate in business (3); associate in liberal arts (61); associate in applied science emphasis in accounting (5); applied science emphasis in business management (8); computer application emphasis (5); criminal justice (7); hospitality management (4); natural resources management (6); and associate in nursing (23).

In the bachelor's degree level, the following are the number of graduates: bachelor of science elementary education concentration (23); bachelor of science education, rehabilitation and human services concentration (7); and bachelor of science education, special education concentration (3).

In her welcome remarks, Hart thanked students for continuing to believe in NMC as an institution of quality. The college recently reaffirmed its accreditation as a result of the significant progress that has been made at the institution.

Keynote speaker Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio inspired the new graduates to persevere in furthering their knowledge, which they can use to serve their community and country.

To become truly successful, Kim-Tenorio told graduates to strive and work hard for it. She also advised them not to forget the spirit of volunteerism and the value of serving positions—whether in public or private—with dignity and honor.

Commencement keynote speaker Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio delivers her inspirational speech before graduates and spectators at the jam-packed Marianas High School Gymnasium.

Academic excellence awardee Kimberly Tecson Alantara is all smiles after receiving the award from NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart and Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman.

The Student Leadership Award for the bachelor degree level is bestowed on Koniko Masga Nakazato.

Academic excellence awardee for the bachelor degree level Querlaine Dlg. Blas is all smiles while joined in the photo by college officials Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman, and dean Barbara Merfalen.

Raissa Belle Alarca Ferrer is presented with the academic excellence award for the bachelor's degree level. In the group photo are NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman, Ferrer, and dean of Academic Programs and Services Barbara Merfalen.

Verna Yacto Deleon Guerrero, who was presented with the Student Leadership Award in the associate degree level, is flanked by, from left, NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, Gov. Eloy Inos, BOR chair Frank Rabauliman, and NMC's Daisy Propst.

Jatanna Cabrera was hailed as this year's recipient of the Community Service Award.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos is joined on stage by NMC president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart, Board of Regents chair Frank Rabauliman, and Daisy Propst during Saturday's graduation ceremonies at the MHS Gymnasium.

NMC dean of Academic Programs and Services Barbara Merfalen kisses Nicole I. Sablan, who was presented with the academic excellence award during commencement rites Saturday at the MHS Gym.

Academic excellence awardee Tatiana A. Babauta inspired her colleagues with her address during the commencement ceremony Saturday.

Northern Marianas College president Dr. Sharon Y. Hart presents Nicole Ichihara Sablan with the academic excellence award for associate degree level during Saturday's commencement exercise at the MHS Gymnasium.

Man who robs tourist, beats up girlfriend, gets 1-year prison term

A man who beat up his girlfriend and robbed two tourists was slapped with a one-year prison term.

At a hearing last week, Manuel Jones Villagomez, 39, pleaded guilty to robbery, conspiracy to commit robbery, and assault and battery in both cases.

Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio accepted the plea agreement and Villagomez's guilty plea and sentenced him to two years and six months in prison, all suspended except for one year.

Villagomez was given credit for time served. After completing his sentence, he will be placed on supervised probation for five years.

Villagomez was required to pay a $1,000 fine, restitution to one victim, and perform 250 hours of community service.

Villagomez is prohibited from possessing or consuming any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances during his probation.

Villagomez has agreed to fully cooperate with the government and testify in the case against his co-defendant, Benwachi Nicky Taisakan.

In the robbery case, the Office of the Attorney General charged Villagomez with robbery, theft, conspiracy to commit robbery, conspiracy to theft, and disturbing the peace.

In the domestic violence case, the OAG charged him with assault and battery, criminal mischief, and four counts of disturbing the peace.

For pleading guilty to the three charges, OAG dropped the remaining charges as part of the plea deal.

According to the factual basis of the plea agreement, on Dec. 3, 2013, on Saipan, Villagomez and Taisakan planned to rob someone. The two went to Garapan where Villagomez drove a car while Taisakan was on foot. Villagomez contacted Taisakan by phone and told him to grab the purse of a female Russian tourist from her shoulder. Villagomez then picked up Taisakan and they drove away.

In the domestic violence case, Villagomez was upset at his girlfriend and he punched and slapped her on Oct. 31, 2013.

According to a police report, in the robbery case detectives identified the suspects after Taisakan's cell phone fell on the road when the victim's boyfriend chased him.

Taisakan ran toward the 99 Cents Store. The boyfriend chased the suspect, who then hopped on the side step of an SUV that was moving slowly.

The male tourist tried to get the license plate, but the SUV made a right turn heading south. The male tourist, however, recovered a cellular phone that fell from Taisakan.

The female tourist stated that her purse contained $900 cash, two passports, an iPhone 5, credit cards, and hotel key.

A crime scene technician identified the picture on the phone's wallpaper as Taisakan.

During an interview with detectives last Jan. 13, Taisakan admitted he was the one who grabbed the purse from the tourist and that the driver of the getaway SUV was Villagomez.

Taisakan claimed that prior to the robbery, Villagomez picked him up at his residence in Koblerville and they both smoked methamphetamine or "ice."

While they were smoking, Villagomez allegedly stated he really needs money because he used the money that his girlfriend gave him. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

WATER OUTAGE NOTICES

In Lower Navy Hill May 28, 2014 to June 11, 2014

Water service to residents of Lower Navy Hill may be periodically interrupted during the times of 9am to 4:30pm to allow the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.'s contractor GPPC to replace non-working gate valves located along Lower Navy Hill area. This gate valve replacement will take place starting May 28, 2014, and CUC estimates the work to be completed within two weeks. GPPC will replace the valves systematically so that smaller areas will be affected as they work their way around the Lower Navy Hill area.

This valve replacement is part of the Navy Hill Water Line and Pressure Improvement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC's operations team and GPPC will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

Tuesday on Navy Hill, Upper MIHA, China Town, Japon Street

Residents of Navy Hill, Upper MIHA, China Town and residents of Japon Street will experience an 8-hour water outage on Tuesday, May 27, 2014, from 8am to 4pm.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, GPPC Inc., to replace various gate valves on Navy Hill Road. This project is part of the Navy Hill Water Line and Pressure Improvement Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The water outage will affect residents living on Navy Hill, Upper MIHA, China Town, and homes along Japon Street.

CUC's operations team and GPPC will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorist exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

On Thursday in Papago, San Vicente, Stanford Area

Residents of Papago, San Vicente, and the residents living in the upper Stanford area will experience an eight-hour water outage on Thursday, May 29, 2014, from 8am to 4pm.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, ASC Construction, to connect the 25,000-gallon temporary tanks into service. These temporary tanks will be used until the completed construction of the new Papago Reservoir. This is part of the Construction of 300K Gallon Tank Replacement for Papago Tank Project funded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

CUC's operations team and ASC Construction will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible.

CUC apologizes in advance for any inconvenience resulting from this project and the water service interruption. Direct inquiries to project managers Larry Manacop at (670) 236-4332 or James Benavente at (670) 235-7025 Ext. 336.

EDUCATION THINK-TANKS CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Last week, education leaders, policymakers, and advocates gather at the Indigenous Educational Leadership Forum/ World Indigenous Peoples Conference on Education 2014, together with McREL International chief executive officer Tim Waters, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

British Virgin Islands setting up shark sanctuary

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)— The British Virgin Islands declared its territorial waters a sanctuary for all shark species Thursday to help protect the marine predators whose global numbers have been dramatically dwindling.

Kedrick Pickering, deputy premier and minister for natural resources, said the loss of sharks disrupts the predator-prey balance, compromising the health of oceans and reefs and the survival of other marine creatures.

"The best way to manage their populations is to let them fulfill their ecological role as apex predators," Pickering said at a conference in Belgium.

The Cabinet of the British Caribbean archipelago of roughly 60 small islands, cays and islets banned commercial fishing of all shark species in the 30,933 square miles (80,117 square kilometers) of its exclusive economic zone.

Shark fishing has grown rapidly in recent decades, driven by rising demand, mainly in China, for shark fin soup. Because of their long life spans and low fertility rates, sharks are highly vulnerable to overfishing. Experts say roughly 100 million sharks are killed each year in commercial fisheries around the globe.

It's far from clear how robustly the tourism-dependent British territory will police its waters, which are home to coral reefs where divers can spot such shark species as scalloped hammerheads, oceanic whitetips and reef sharks.

The territory of about 25,000 people said it is also protecting rays, whose numbers have sharply dwindled over the years. Researchers with the International Union for the Conservation of Nature have said roughly one-quarter of the world's sharks and rays are threatened with extinction.

The sanctuary announcement was applauded by the territory's most famous resident, British tycoon and adventurer Richard Branson.

Branson, CEO and founder of the Virgin Group of companies, has been pushing Caribbean governments to better protect marine environments, making special mention of sharks and rays. At a conference Branson hosted on his private island last year, several regional governments committed to establishing shark protections by May 2015.

"The British Virgin Islands has shown leadership here and I urge other countries and territories in the region to follow suit to create a Caribbean-wide sanctuary to protect these magnificent animals," Branson said in an email.

The territory joins Honduras and the Bahamas as the first governments in the Americas to declare shark sanctuaries, according to Pew Charitable Trusts, which has pushed shark conservation efforts around the world. The world's first shark sanctuary was created in 2009 by the Pacific nation of Palau.

The Caribbean territory is "showing that small islands can have a big impact on global biodiversity," Pew's Angelo Villagomez said.

Hyatt to host Sundowner with the Winemaker

To conclude the 7th annual "Roasts, Reds, and Rendezvous" season, Hyatt Regency Saipan will be hosting "Sundowner with the Winemaker" on Friday, May 30, 2014. Guests will dine on spectacular Certified Angus Beef creations while Murphy-Goode winemaker David Ready Jr. gives a face-to-face wine crash-course on wine appreciation.

Growing up as the son of one of the founders of Murphy-Goode Wines, Ready knew how to appreciate wine. He aspired to be a musician during his teen years but he soon began to recognize his liking for wine-making while working for Murphy-Goode. He expanded his knowledge and palate in Australia, where he was exposed to new and innovative winemaking methods, and in 1997 was named Assistant Winemaker and in 2001 Winemaker for Murphy-Goode Wines. Ready's love for winemaking is entwined with his love of music, and he says that "finding the words that best fit the tune is like designing a balanced blend or discovering the type of oak barrel that harmonizes with the wine."

The "Sundowner with the Winemaker" can be enjoyed for only $40 and Club at the Hyatt members are welcome. ***(Hyatt)***

Business

Gasoline prices have familiar look as summer nears

NEW YORK (AP)—The price of gasoline looks familiar this Memorial Day. For the third year in a row, the national average will be within a penny or two of $3.64 per gallon.

Stability wasn't always the norm. Between 2003 and 2008 average retail gasoline prices more than doubled, reaching an all-time high of $4.11 per gallon in 2008. Prices then collapsed as the U.S. plunged into recession. But after a two-year run-up between 2009 and 2011, the price of gasoline has remained in a range of roughly $3.25 to $3.75 per gallon.

Drivers can handle that, according to AAA, and are ready to head out for Memorial Day driving trips in the highest numbers since 2005. "It is unlikely that gas prices will have a significant effect on travel plans compared to a year ago," AAA wrote in its annual Memorial Day forecast.

Steady gasoline prices are largely the result of relatively steady crude oil prices, even though there has been a long list of global supply disruptions and political turmoil that that typically would push the price of oil higher.

AP

Traffic moves past a Doral, Fla. gas station, Wednesday, May 21, 2014.

Sanctions have sharply cut output from Iran, once the world's third largest oil exporter. Libya went through civil war, and labor and political disruptions continue to limit its exports. Venezuela's oil output has been steadily declining for a decade. Most recently, the conflict between Russia and Ukraine is raising concerns that sanctions will impact production or exports from Russia, the world's second largest exporter after Saudi Arabia.

But rising crude output in countries such as the U.S., Canada and Brazil have offset the declining supply elsewhere, helping to keep prices steady.

Approaching this Memorial Day, the national average is $3.65 per gallon, according to AAA, OPIS and Wright Express. Last year on the holiday it was $3.63 per gallon. In 2012 it was $3.64.

The story is similar with other fuels. Through the first quarter of this year airlines are paying $3.03 per gallon for jet fuel—exactly the same they paid on average for all of last year, according to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics. The average price of diesel, $3.93 per gallon, is a nickel higher than last year.

Natural foods retailer to farmers: Let cows graze

DENVER (AP)—Cows should be outside.

That's the position of a Colorado-based grocery store chain that recently announced it will carry only dairy products from farms where cows graze in pastures.

Natural Grocers by Vitamin Cottage claims grazing improves the health of cows, consumers and the environment, and it hopes to expand an ongoing, national debate over how to best care for livestock.

The American Grassfed Association, which helped Natural Grocers develop its rules, said it is the first retail chain to carry only pastured dairy products; many already have rules barring suppliers from such things as keeping chickens and pregnant pigs in cramped cages.

But the issue isn't as straightforward as it might seem as weather prevents most farms in the United States from grazing year-round. With no clear guidelines on what qualifies as "pasture-raised," consumers paying a premium for grass-fed milk might be confused about what they are buying. And a dairy nutrition expert says he sees the store's policy as mostly a marketing gimmick.

Natural Grocers was one of the first retailers in the 1990s to ban dairy products from farms that used growth hormones or excessive antibiotics, said Heather Isely, whose parents founded the business in 1955. Over time, the family decided that wasn't enough because cows that were drug- and hormone-free still might not go outside.

"Consumers are buffeted with all these image of cows grazing on pasture when it comes to dairy," Isely said. "When you talk to most people, that's what comes to mind ... and we wanted to become completely transparent and lift that veil away and say, you know, that's not always the case and you really do need to take a more careful look at your dairy products."

Visa, MasterCard renew push for chip cards

NEW YORK (AP)—Visa and MasterCard are renewing a push to speed the adoption of microchips into U.S. credit and debit cards in the wake of recent high-profile data breaches, including this week's revelation that hackers stole consumer data from eBay's computer systems.

Card processing companies argue that a move away from the black magnetic strips on the backs of credit cards would eliminate a substantial amount of U.S. credit card fraud. They say it's time to offer U.S. consumers the greater protections microchips provide by joining Canada, Mexico and most of Western Europe in using cards with the more advanced technology.

Chips aren't perfect, says Carolyn Balfany, MasterCard's group head for U.S. product delivery, but the extra barrier they present is one of the reasons criminals often choose to target U.S.-issued cards, whose magnetic strips are easy to replicate.

"Typically, fraudsters are going to go to the path of least resistance," Balfany says.

The chip technology hasn't been adopted in the U.S. because of costs and disputes over how the network would operate. Retailers have long balked at paying for new cash registers and back office systems to handle the new cards. There have been clashes between retailers, card issuers and processors over which processing networks will get access to the new system and whether to stick with a signature-based system or move to one that requires a personal identification number instead. These technical decisions impact how much retailers and customers have to pay—and how much credit card issuers make—each time a card is used.

The disputes have now largely been resolved. And the epic breach of Target's computer systems in December, which involved the theft of 40 million debit and credit card numbers, along with smaller breaches at companies such as Neiman Marcus and Michaels, helped garner support for chip-based cards among retailers who were previously put off by the costs.

Nation

Sheriff: Calif. gunman killed 3 people at home

GOLETA, Calif. (AP)—The son of a Hollywood director stabbed three men to death in his apartment, gunned down two women outside a sorority and killed a sixth person in a rampage that was foreshadowed by a chilling Internet video in which he vowed to his victims that he would "take great pleasure in slaughtering all of you."

Authorities said the 22-year-old lone gunman, Elliot Rodger—the son of a director who worked on the "The Hunger Games"—carried out his attacks Friday night in the beach community of Isla Vista near the University of California, Santa Barbara. The rampage happened hours after he looked into a video camera and warned in a disturbing Internet video that he would slaughter those with a good life—especially women who shunned him, authorities said.

Deputies wounded him during two separate shootouts as he sped through Isla Vista, leaving a trail of bloodshed that ended with Rodger apparently shooting himself in the head before crashing his black BMW into a parked car, Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said.

Thirteen people were injured—eight from gunshot wounds, four from being hit by his car and one who suffered a minor injury whose exact cause was not clear yet, Brown said.

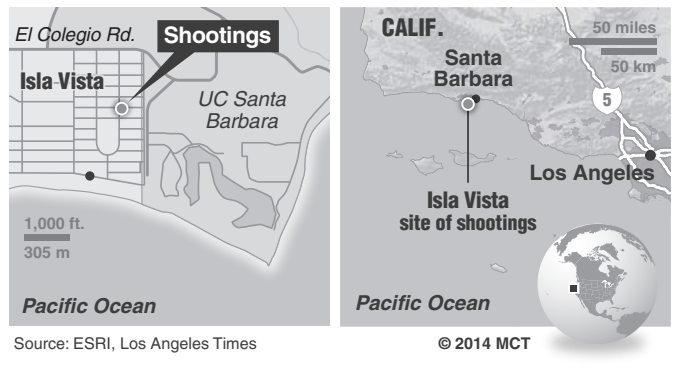
Deputies found three semi-automatic handguns with 400 unspent rounds in his black BMW. All were purchased legally.

Authorities had had three contacts with Rodgers in the past year, including one case in which he claimed to be beaten but deputies suspected he was the aggressor. On April 30, officials went to his Isla Vista apartment again to check on him at the request of his family. But deputies reported back that the Santa Barbara community college student was shy, polite and having a difficult social life but did not need to be taken in for mental health reasons, Brown said.

Attorney Alan Shifman said the Rodger family had called police after being alarmed by YouTube videos "regarding suicide and the killing of people" that Elliot Rodger had been posting.

Shootings near campus

A series of drive-by shootings in Isla Vista, Calif., near the UC Santa Barbara campus on Friday night left seven people dead, including the man assumed to be the attacker.



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Marine whose leg was blasted drives to victory

Marine Staff Sgt. Liam Dwyer always knew that despite losing much of his left leg in combat he could win races if he got the chance.

That came Saturday when Dwyer teamed with Tom Long to win the IMSA Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge event at Lime Rock Park in Connecticut.

"Saying I'm excited is a major understatement," Dwyer told The Associated Press by phone shortly after the victory. "I am ecstatic about this."

Dwyer drove the first 22 laps and was 25th in the 32-car field before turning the No. 27 Mazda MX-5 over to Long for the rest of the way. Long took the lead for good five laps from the end and went on to a nearly 20-second victory.

Dwyer served with the Marines in Iraq and Afghanistan. He was injured in Iraq in 2007 when he took shrapnel on the left side of his body while a turret gunner of a Humvee that was hit by a roadside bomb. Dwyer recovered and returned to civilian life when a major he had worked with asked him to join a special team headed to Afghanistan. Dwyer re-enlisted and was searching a compound in Sangin Province when he stepped on an explosive that sheared off his left leg above the knee.

The blast also damaged his right leg and right arm, to the point where Dwyer says he has little feeling in that hand.

Dwyer, like other military personnel with catastrophic injuries, called May 22, 2011, his "Alive Day."

"I know exactly what it means to myself and my fellow service member," he said. Four other Marines were injured in that explosion.

The 32-year-old Dwyer returned home for rehabilitation. He was fitted with a prosthesis for the leg and soon after began to think about fulfilling his need for speed. He began racing vintage sports cars and was encouraged by friends and family members to market his skills to other circuits. ***(AP)***

ACROSS THE NATION

VA approves more private care for veterans

WASHINGTON (AP)—More veterans are being allowed to obtain health care at private hospitals and clinics in an effort to improve their treatment following allegations of falsified records and delays in treatment. In a statement issued Saturday, Veterans Affairs Secretary Eric Shinseki also said VA facilities are enhancing capacity of their clinics so veterans can get care sooner. In cases where officials cannot expand capacity at VA centers, the Department of Veterans Affairs is "increasing the care we acquire in the community through non-VA care," Shinseki said. Lawmakers from both parties have pressed for this policy change as the VA confronts allegations about treatment delays and falsified records at VA centers nationwide.

Wildfire in northern Arizona grows significantly

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP)—A wildfire burning in rugged terrain in a northern Arizona canyon grew significantly because of fires intentionally set by crews to rob the blaze of its natural forest fuels, officials said Saturday. Crews have mostly completed burnout operations on the key northern flank of the Slide Fire and are preparing to make similar protection efforts on the fire's western end. The burnout operations conducted Friday night by fire crews contributed to the heavy smoke over Sedona and Flagstaff. "They are making progress. Having the humidity and cooler temperatures was certainly very helpful. But we are by no means done yet," Coronado National Forest Service information officer Gerry Perry said.

Asia

China offers leniency to blast suspects

BEIJING (AP)—Authorities called Sunday for anyone involved in terrorist activities in China's restive northwest to turn themselves in and promised leniency following a deadly bombing.

The announcement followed a security crackdown launched over the weekend in response to the Thursday attack at a morning street market, which killed at least 43 people and wounded dozens.

The official Xinhua News Agency said an anti-terrorism campaign in the northwest Xinjiang region will target religious extremist groups, underground gun workshops and "terrorist training camps." The report added that "terrorists and extremists will be hunted down and punished."

Police have revealed the names of five people blamed for the attack and said they were part of a "terrorist gang." Based on their names, all the suspects appeared to be Uighurs, the region's most populous Muslim minority. Police said that four of the assailants were killed in the bombing and that the fifth was captured Thursday night.

The bombing in Urumqi, Xinjiang's capital, left the region's ethnic Chinese on edge and raised fears that organized extremism was on the rise.

In the capital of Beijing, police announced they were canceling vacations for officers and would step up patrols at train stations, schools, hospitals and markets. A measure under which passengers at stations in central Beijing are required to undergo security checks will be extended to three additional stations, the city government said.

In Sunday's announcement, public security officials in Xinjiang said people involved in a range of designated terrorist activities will receive mitigated punishments if they turn themselves in within 30 days, Xinhua reported.

The announcement also said those who surrender and offer information about other suspects or criminal activities "will be given minor punishment or exempted from punishment."

Thursday's violence was the deadliest single attack in Xinjiang's recent history, and the latest of several that have targeted civilians in contrast to a past pattern of targeting police and officials. It was the highest death toll since several days of rioting in Urumqi in 2009 between Uighurs and members of China's dominant Han ethnic group left nearly 200 people dead.

Thai coup leader warns against protests

BANGKOK (AP)—The top general in Thailand's ruling junta warned people Sunday not to join anti-coup street protests, saying normal democratic principles cannot be applied at the time, as troops fanned out in central Bangkok to prevent rallies.

Gen. Prayuth Chan-ocha also defended the detentions of dozens of politicians and activists, most of them associated with the ousted government, with a spokesman quoting him as saying that the measure would not last more than a week and was allowed by law.

In a chilling move apparently aimed at neutralizing critics and potential opposition, the junta has also ordered dozens of outspoken activists, academics and journalists to surrender themselves to military authorities, including a prominent Thai reporter.

Pravit Rojanaphruk, an outspoken columnist for the English-language daily The Nation, tweeted that he was reporting to the junta: "On my way to see the new dictator of Thailand. Hopefully the last," he wrote.

The military, which is already holding most of the Cabinet ousted in a coup Thursday in secret locations, said it would keep former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra and others in custody for up to a week to give them "time to think" and keep the country calm.

Starting Monday, those in detention who have arrest warrants or face criminal charges will be handed over for prosecution, said deputy military spokesman Col. Winthai Suvaree.

He also said that the general "urged every group of citizens to avoid joining the anti-coup protests because at the moment, the democratic principles cannot be executed normally."

In the three days since Thailand's first coup in eight years, the junta has faced scattered protests that came amid growing concern over its intentions. Troops were deployed in central Bangkok's central shopping district Sunday in a bid to stop any gatherings.

On Saturday, around 1,000 anti-coup protesters defied an army-imposed edict banning groups larger than five from gathering for political purposes. They were met by hundreds of soldiers, and the groups eventually dispersed.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan PM to attend Indian inauguration, a first

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's prime minister will attend the inauguration of India's Prime Minister-designate Narendra Modi, a first for the nuclear-armed rivals, officials said Saturday. Pakistan and India have a history of uneasy relations and they have fought three wars over the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir since their independence from Britain in 1947. Saturday's decision by Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif could signal a further easing of the tensions. In Islamabad, a Foreign Ministry statement said Sharif will travel to New Delhi to attend the ceremony on Monday. It added that Sharif will meet with Modi on Tuesday.

Heavy flooding in southern China kills 12

BEIJING (AP)—The Chinese state news agency is reporting 12 people have died in widespread flooding in southern China. Xinhua News Agency says the flooding affected 649,000 people in Qingyuan city in Guangdong province as of Saturday afternoon with 3,300 houses collapsing. The report estimates the flooding has caused $293 million in losses. Elsewhere, more than 20,000 residents in the town of Shitan still lack drinking water after flood waters polluted a reservoir.

Chinese woman scales Everest from Nepal side

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A Chinese woman and five Sherpa guides have scaled Mount Everest, becoming the first team to reach the peak from the Nepal side since a deadly avalanche last month sent climbers home, officials said Saturday. Wang Zing, 40, and her Nepalese guides reached the 8,850-meter (29,035-foot) summit on Friday, said Nepalese Tourism Ministry official Dipendra Paudel. They were all safe and returning to lower camps. An avalanche on April 18 swept the route near the base camp, killing 16 Sherpa guides. After the disaster, the guides refused to continue for different reasons, including out of respect for their dead colleagues. Some said they were too shaken to go up the mountain, while others were angry at the government's slow response to help families of the fallen Sherpas.

World

Ukraine presidential vote is hoped to restore order

KIEV, Ukraine (AP)—Ukrainians are casting ballots Sunday in a presidential election seen as essential for stabilizing the country rocked by a deadly uprising in the east, where pro-Russia rebels have vowed to block the ballot.

The vote is held three months after the ouster of the country's pro-Russia leader, who was chased from power by months of protests triggered by his decision to reject an association agreement with the European Union and keep close ties with Moscow.

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ST. PETERSBURG, Russia (AP)—President Vladimir Putin said Saturday that he does not believe there will be a new Cold War with the United States, and Russia does not want it.

But he warned that Russia's interests must be taken seriously and accused the West of having ignored Russia's concerns over Ukraine. He also criticized Britain's Prince Charles' reported recent remarks comparing him to Hitler as "unacceptable" and "not royal behavior."

"I wouldn't like to think that this is the start of a new Cold War—we're not interested in that and I don't believe it will happen," Putin said when asked about the future of U.S.-Russian relations, which are at their lowest point in the two decades since the end of the Soviet Union because of the crisis in Ukraine.

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Polls have shown billionaire candy-maker Petro Poroshenko far ahead of 20 other candidates, but short of the absolute majority needed to win in the first round, so a runoff set for June 15 is expected. Poroshenko's nearest challenger is Yulia Tymoshenko, the divisive former prime minister who is far behind.

Vera Potemkina, 65, a retired university professor in Kiev, said she cast her ballot for Poroshenko because she hopes he will steer Ukraine out of Russia's orbit and closer to the West. "We are part of Europe, we do not need Asia," she said.

AP

A coffin cover is draped with the Russian flag during a funeral, attended by thousands, for five pro-Russian activists, Saturday, May 24, 2014, in the town of Stakhanov, eastern Ukraine.

Pope lands in Bethlehem, nod to Palestinian state

By KARIN LAUB and NICOLE WINFIELD
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP)—Pope Francis landed Sunday in the West Bank town of Bethlehem in a symbolic nod to Palestinian aspirations for their own state as he began a busy second day of his Mideast pilgrimage.

Previous popes always came to the West Bank after first arriving in Tel Aviv, Israel. Francis, however, landed at a Bethlehem helipad from Jordan aboard a Jordanian helicopter and immediately headed into an official welcoming ceremony and meeting with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

In its official program, the Vatican referred to Abbas as the president of the "state of Palestine."

"The fact that he is coming straight from Jordan to Bethlehem, without going through Israel," is a tacit recognition of a Palestinian state, said Hanan Ashrawi, a Palestinian Christian who is a senior official in the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In November 2012, the United Nations General Assembly overwhelmingly recognized a "state of Palestine" in the West Bank, Gaza and east Jerusalem—lands Israel captured in the 1967 war—as a non-member observer. The recognition still has little meaning on the ground, with Israel remaining in full control of east Jerusalem, which it annexed in 1967, and the West Bank.

However, it has enabled the Palestinians to start seeking membership in U.N. agencies and accede to international conventions in a further upgrade of their status.

Francis is expected to press the Vatican's call for a two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict during his meeting with Abbas and later, upon arrival in Israel.

Early Sunday, police arrested 26 Israelis for throwing stones at police officers and causing disturbances at a Jerusalem holy site where the Pope will celebrate Mass at the end of his trip, Israeli police spokesman Mickey Rosenfeld said.

WORLD BRIEFS

3 killed, 1 injured at Brussels Jewish Museum

BRUSSELS (AP)—Three people were shot dead and a fourth seriously wounded in an armed attack at the Jewish Museum in Brussels on Saturday, officials said. Police detained one suspect and were looking for a second. The bloodshed, which came on the eve of national and European Parliament elections, led officials to immediately raise anti-terror measures. Belgian Foreign Minister Didier Reynders, who was in the vicinity, said the scene "was terrible and left me shocked" as he saw the bodies of two of the victims lying at the entrance of the museum, located in the swanky Sablon neighborhood of Belgium's capital.

Militants attack parliament building in Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia (AP)—Militants in Mogadishu on Saturday carried out a multi-pronged, complex attack against the country's parliament building involving a car bomb, suicide bomber and gunmen on foot, police said. Frightened members of parliament blamed the military for failing to prevent the attack, but other politicians praised the army for limiting the attack's damages. At least seven people were killed, including six attackers and one soldier who tried to stopped a suicide bomber from entering the building, said police Capt. Mohamed Hussein. Other officials later indicated that more people died in the assault but gave no figures.

Health & Fitness

Doctors design mini dialysis machine for babies

LONDON (AP)—Doctors in Italy have designed a miniature dialysis machine for babies, used for the first time last year to save a newborn girl, according to a new report.

Usually, doctors adapt standard dialysis machines for babies, but that can be risky since the devices can't always be accurately tweaked. About 1 to 2 percent of hospitalized infants have kidney problems that may require dialysis, which cleans toxins from the blood when the kidneys aren't working.

"Only a small number of (babies) need this treatment, but it could be life-saving," said Dr. Heather Lambert, a pediatric kidney specialist and spokeswoman for Britain's Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

Lambert and colleagues at the Great North Children's Hospital in Newcastle are working on a similar small dialysis device and other scientists have experimented with prototypes.

The new mini-dialysis machine, meant for babies under 10 kilograms (22 pounds), was conceived by Dr. Claudio Ronco of the San Bortolo Hospital in Vicenza, Italy and colleagues. Just weeks after the machine was licensed last summer by European authorities, they got their first patient: a 3-day-old baby girl weighing about 3 kilograms (6.6 pounds) with multiple organ failure.

"Her parents had already reserved the funeral," Ronco said. Instead, the baby was treated for nearly a month. She and her parents recently paid Ronco a visit.

"The baby was crying like crazy because she was hungry, but she's doing great," Ronco said. The baby has mild kidney problems and needs vitamin D supplements but is otherwise growing normally, he said.

AP

In this image made available by the San Bortolo Hospital in Vicenza on Thursday May 22, 2014 a nurse Mariangela Mettifogo, left, and Dr. Claudio Ronco treat a baby hooked up to a new dialysis machine at the San Bortolo Hospital in Vicenza, Italy, in the summer of 2013.

Study: Bacteria live even in healthy placentas

WASHINGTON (AP)—Surprising new research shows a small but diverse community of bacteria lives in the placentas of healthy pregnant women, overturning the belief that fetuses grow in a pretty sterile environment.

These are mostly varieties of "good germs" that live in everybody. But Wednesday's study also hints that the make-up of this microbial colony plays a role in premature birth.

"It allows us to think about the biology of pregnancy in different ways than we have before, that pregnancy and early life aren't supposed to be these totally sterile events," said lead researcher Dr. Kjersti Aagaard of Baylor College of Medicine in Houston.

We share our bodies with trillions of microbes—on the skin, in the gut, in the mouth. These communities are called our microbiome, and many bacteria play critical roles in keeping us healthy, especially those in the intestinal tract. A few years ago, the government's Human Microbiome Project mapped what makes up these colonies and calculated that healthy adults cohabitate with more than 10,000 species.

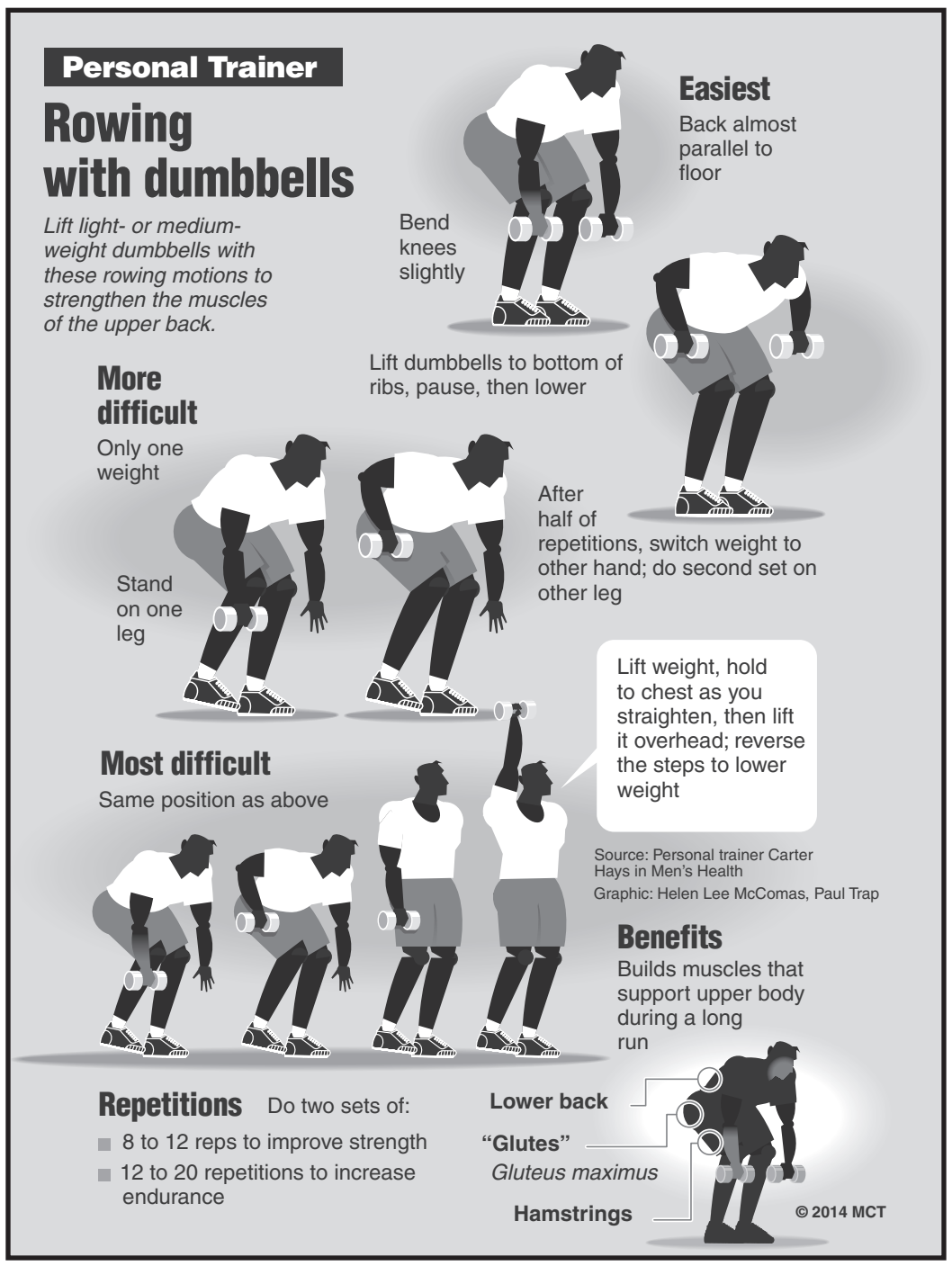
Healthy newborns pick up some from their mother during birth, different bugs depending on whether they were delivered vaginally or by C-section.

What about before birth? There have been some signs that the process could begin in-utero.

But, "we have traditionally believed in medicine that the uterus is a sterile part of the human body," said Dr. Lita Proctor of the National Institutes of Health, who oversaw the microbiome project.

With the new research, "we realize that microbes may play a role even in fetus development," added Proctor, who wasn't involved in the work. "The results of this study now open up a whole new line of research on maternal and pediatric health."

Aagard's team earlier had studied the microbiome of the vagina, and learned that its composition changes when a woman becomes pregnant. The puzzle: The most common vaginal microbes weren't the same as the earliest gut bacteria that scientists were finding in newborns.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Rowing with dumbbells
Lift light- or medium-weight dumbbells with these rowing motions to strengthen the muscles of the upper back.
Easiest
Back almost parallel to floor
Bend knees slightly
Lift dumbbells to bottom of ribs, pause, then lower
More difficult
Only one weight
Stand on one leg
After half of repetitions, switch weight to other hand; do second set on other leg
Most difficult
Same position as above
Lift weight, hold to chest as you straighten, then lift it overhead; reverse the steps to lower weight
Source: Personal trainer Carter Hays in Men's Health
Graphic: Helen Lee McComas, Paul Trap
Benefits
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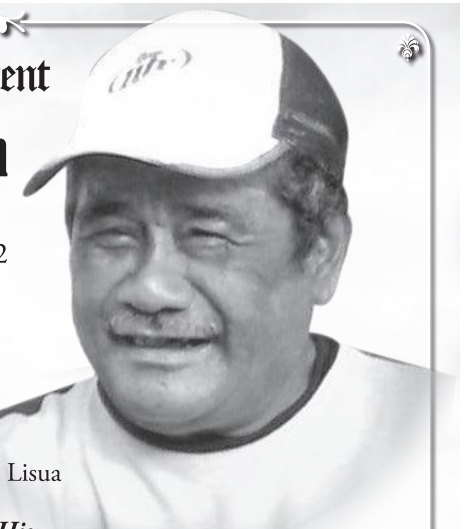


† Angel Romolor Taman

"Saramalschigh"

Born To Life: March 06, 1952
Was Called to Eternal Life: May 17, 2014

Mother: †Ines Romolor Taman
Father: †Juan R. Iginoef
Brother: †Fernando R. Taman
Sister: †Dionicia Iginoef-Lisua
Brother-in-Laws: †Crispin R. Lisua and †Jesus R. Lisua

His Memory Will Live Forever in the hearts of His:

Wife: Antonia R. Lisua-Taman
Children & Grand-Children: Barbara Esther L. Ruben (Nolasko James)
Ambrosio Joaquin Lisua
Juan Fernando L. Taman & Kayla
(Luis Joaquin, Lisa Marie, Ezekiel Jeremiah)
Angel L. Taman, Jr.
Lupe Inez L. Taman
Joseph L. Taman
Riva Rose L. Taman
Brother: Jacinto R. Taman

His memory will also live in the hearts of his Godchildren, Aunts, Uncles, Nephews, Nieces, and Friends.

Rosary is being said nightly at Rosa Lisua's residence in As Falipe, Chinatown at 7:30 PM.

Viewing will be on **Monday, May 26th** at CHC Morgue from 7-10 AM.
Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at Kristo Rai Church at 10:30 AM.
Interment Services will follow immediately at Mount Carmel Cemetery.

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated.

Olomwaay, Ghilisou, Dangkulo na Si Yu'us Ma'ase, Kmal Mesulang, and Thank You

The Family

Life & Style

Turkish drama 'Winter Sleep' wins Palme d'Or

CANNES, France (AP)—The richly ruminative Chekhovian drama "Winter Sleep" was awarded the Palme d'Or on Saturday, bestowing the Cannes Film Festival's top honor on an intimate, wintery epic set on Turkey's Anatolian steppe.

Director Nuri Bilge Ceylan accepted the award, handed out by Quentin Tarantino and Uma Thurman at the French Riviera festival. In his speech, Ceylan alluded to anti-government protests in Istanbul that began a year ago and have raged following a recent mining disaster that killed hundreds.

"I want to dedicate the prize to the young people in Turkey and those who lost their lives during the last year," said Ceylan.

For the second year in a row, Cannes awarded its top honor to a film running more than three hours. The French lesbian coming-of-age tale "Blue Is the Warmest Color" won the Palme in 2013; this year, the jury, headed by Jane Campion, opted for Ceylan's meditative character study about a retired actor running a hotel and lording over his village tenants.

"I was scared. I said, `I'm going to need a toilet break,'" said Campion backstage about the three hour, 16 minute running time of "Winter Sleep." But she said the film "took me in," calling it "masterful" and "ruthless."

Accepting the award, Ceylan, who has twice won Cannes' second-highest honor, the Grand Prix, noted it was the 100th anniversary of Turkish cinema.

"It's a beautiful coincidence," he said. "Winter Sleep" is the second film by a Turkish director to win the Palme d'Or following Yilmaz Guney and Serif Goren's "The Way" in 1982.

Julianne Moore won best actress for her performance in David Cronenberg's dark Hollywood satire "Maps to the Stars." Screenwriter Bruce Wagner accepted the award for Moore and cheered the town he savagely parodies in the film: "Vive Los Angeles. Vive David Cronenberg. Vive Julianne Moore. And vive la France," he said.

Best actor went to Timothy Spall, who stars as British painter J.M.W. Turner in Mike Leigh's biopic "Mr. Turner." He spoke emotionally about a long, humble career that has often gone without such notice.

"I've spent a lot of time being a bridesmaid," said the veteran character actor, whose phone rang as he tried to read his speech from it. "This is the first time I've ever been a bride."

AP

Director Nuri Bilge Ceylan poses with the Palme d'Or award for the film Winter Sleep during a photo call following the awards ceremony at the 67th international film festival, Cannes, southern France, Saturday, May 24, 2014.

Bennett Miller ("Capote," "Moneyball") won best director for his wresting drama "Foxcatcher," the American film that made the biggest impact at Cannes. Miller dedicated his award to his stars Channing Tatum, Steve Carell and Mark Ruffalo, as well as producer Megan Ellison.

The jury prize was shared by the oddest of couples: Xavier Dolan's "Mommy" and Jean-Luc Godard's "Goodbye to Language." The two were the oldest (Godard is 83) and youngest (Dolan is 25) directors at the festival.

"Goodbye to Language" is a 3-D art-house sensation from the ever-experimental French master (who sent a short film in his absence from Cannes). "Mommy" is a French-language mother-son drama shot in an Instagram-like 1:1 aspect ratio (a square).

Dolan, a Quebec filmmaker who has already made five features, told Campion that her films inspired him to write strong women characters. Campion's "The Piano" won the Palme in 1993, the sole female director win.

"There are no limits to our ambitions except those we build for ourselves," said Dolan.

Alice Rohrwatcher's "The Wonders," an Italian drama about a family of beekeepers, was the surprise winner of the Grand Prix. Rohrwatcher was one of two female directors among the 18 films in competition for the Palme d'Or.

"Leviathan," a tragic satire about small-town corruption in Russia by Andrey Zvyagintsev, took best screenplay. Though the film depicts corrupt local officials in Vladimir Putin's Russia, it was made with financial support from that country's Ministry of Culture.

The Camera d'Or, an award for first-time filmmakers, went to "Party Girl," a portrait of a 60-year-old nightclub hostess by a trio of directors: Marie Amachoukeli, Claire Burger and Samuel Theis.

Kardashian-Kanye wed in Florence fortress

FLORENCE, Italy (AP)—Kim Kardashian and Kanye West are officially "Bound" to each other.

The celebrity couple, who have made a habit of over-the-top, public displays of affection, got hitched Saturday in a decidedly private spot: a Renaissance fortress in Florence. The nuptials were confirmed to The Associated Press by Kardashian's representative, who noted the reporting of E! Online, the news site from the network that carries her reality show, "Keeping Up With The Kardashians." E! Online reported the wedding party consisted of her sisters, while stepfather Bruce Jenner walked her down the aisle. Andrea Bocelli and John Legend sang for the couple at the reception.

The city's mayor's office had said a week earlier that the couple had rented Belvedere Fort for a wedding to be performed by a Protestant minister, adding a flurry of excitement in the entertainment world about the ceremony, which had been anticipated for months. In the days before the nuptials, the pair held court in Paris, parading in front of photographers for pre-wedding festivities. Kardashian posted a picture on the social media site Instagram of the gardens of fashion designer Valentino's 17th-century Chateau de Wideville west of Paris, where one of their events was being held. The couple also toured the Chateau of Versailles.

AP

A view of the Forte Belvedere in Florence, Italy, Saturday, May 24, 2014.

The duo, who have one child together, were not shy about their romance; he briefly appeared on her reality show, and he gushed about his love for her in a talk show hosted by her mother, Kris Jenner. A topless Kardashian also starred in his music video for "Bound 2," in which they simulated having sex on a motorcycle bike.

West, 36, proposed to Kardashian, 33, in October on her birthday. He rented out San Francisco's AT&T Park to pop the question.

But when it came to the wedding, media was only able to get photos of the many celebrity guests at the wedding.

Among the notables sighted arriving in Florence ahead of the nuptials were Steve McQueen, director of Oscar-winner ``12 Years a Slave"; Lala Anthony, wife of NY Knicks basketball star Carmelo Anthony; Jaden Smith, the actor and teenage son of Will and Jada Smith; and Joe Francis of ``Girls Gone Wild" video fame.

Director of Malaysian plane film rushed promo

CANNES, France (AP)—The director of a movie based on the Malaysian Airlines plane disappearance says he rushed the trailer of the project so he could bring it to the Cannes Film Festival.

"I was seeing the festival calendars and I could not miss Cannes. And so I told my team to make a trailer immediately," said Rupesh Paul of his planned film, "The Vanishing Act."

It wasn't until he arrived at the festival that he faced questions over the timing of the film's promotion and whether he was being sensitive to the families of the missing passengers.

"These things came in to my thoughts only after I came here," said Paul, also a producer, in an interview on Saturday. "From the very first interview I was only asked about this fact that we did not even think of much when we were pitching this in India. Nobody asked this question in India actually. When we came to Europe this was the only question I faced."

The 35-year-old director says he never thought his actions might upset anyone but insists "that nobody will be hurt (by) this movie."

"Why should I gain out of somebody's pain?" said Paul, who is also behind the movie "Kamasutra 3D," which was shown to buyers at the festival.

The trailer for "The Vanishing Act" shows two crew members kissing as a third looks at them angrily. It's something the director says will not be included in the main feature.

"This trailer was not even meant to get released on the Internet online," said Paul. "It was meant to show some investors and producers that the movie will be dramatic and thrilling. Somehow it got released, we had to give it to many people, it got out of my hands. And there is no love triangle in this movie at all and there is no romance in this movie."

A handgun is also featured in the movie, but Paul said it isn't what it seems.

"Everyone that has flown once on even a small flight will definitely understand that it is impossible to carry a gun inside, whatever you do," he said. "So it's impossible, but there is a weapon in the story."

The director is keeping tight-lipped about his theory on how the plane disappeared and what will be shown in the film. He said that although he "cannot reveal the climax, it will not be a tragic climax."

The trailer, which also shows commotion and horror on the plane, has garnered more than 300,000 views on YouTube.

Authorities still have not been able to locate the plane, which was carrying 239 people from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing on March 8 when it went missing.

Paul is aiming for a September release.

Casey Kasem's wife served with guardianship papers

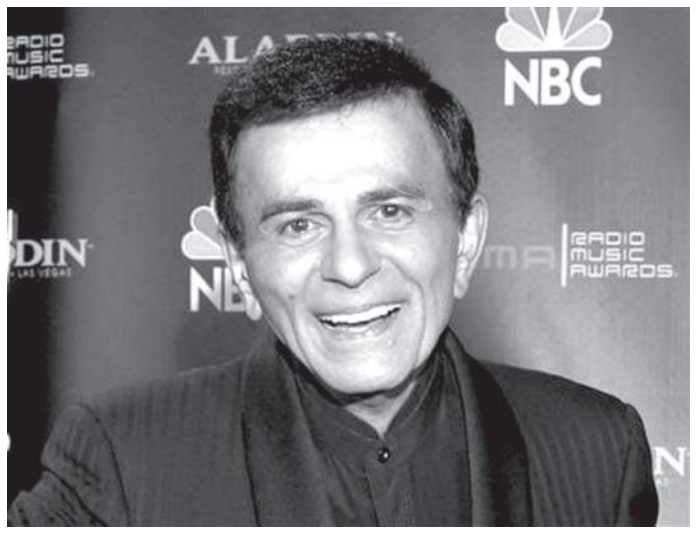
BREMERTON, Wash. (AP)—The wife of ailing radio personality Casey Kasem was served Friday with a California court order that temporarily suspends her powers to determine her husband's medical care amid concerns about his health and welfare.

The order Kitsap County sheriff's deputies said they delivered also expands daughter Kerri Kasem's authority to determine whether her father, who's now in Washington state, is receiving adequate medical care.

Wife Jean Kasem told KING-TV in an interview aired Friday evening that her husband is getting the best possible care and she is "not going to allow anybody to shred (her) family on unfounded facts and malicious accusations."

"My husband is very happy and comfortable in our family and has told me time and time again that he wishes to remain under my care," she said.

"Why is she trying to block a doctor from seeing my father?" Kerri Kasem asked in a statement Friday night, telling her stepmother, "If you truly love my father, you will do the right thing and allow him to get proper medical treatment."



AP

In this Oct. 27, 2003 file photo, Casey Kasem poses for photographers after receiving the Radio Icon award during The 2003 Radio Music Awards at the Aladdin Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.

Kerri Kasem's spokesman Danny Deraney said she has a special Washington state court order that allows her to see her father, but there was no timetable for when that will happen.

On Tuesday, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Daniel S. Murphy ordered Jean Kasem to comply with court orders allowing doctors to evaluate her husband, and also allow his daughter Kerri to see him. He also ordered Jean Kasem to surrender her husband's passport and temporarily suspended her powers to determine her husband's medical care.

In mid-May, Murphy had expressed concerns about Kasem's whereabouts and safety amid a dispute between his wife and children from another marriage.

The sheriff's office in Kitsap County, west of Seattle, tracked him down the next day.

Sheriff's Deputy Scott Wilson said officers who performed a welfare check May 13 on the 82-year-old Kasem found him staying at the home of long-time family friends. Jean Kasem says they are on a family vacation.

Kasem "appeared to be not in distress," Wilson said Friday. "He couldn't speak but he appeared to us to be cognizant of what was going on around him and who people were."

The sheriff's spokesman said medications were present and those at the home, including Jean Kasem, said appropriate medical care was being provided. Medical professionals, including doctors and visiting nurses, have been "attending him as required," Wilson said.

'Hunger Games' career high for father of shooter

Peter Rodger, who believes his son was the lone gunman in a Santa Barbara-area shooting rampage, has not been a major player in Hollywood, yet his work as an assistant director on the first installment of the wildly successful "Hunger Games" series in 2012 brought him a notable credit.

Rodger's job was as a second-unit director, one of five on the film responsible for production away from the principal set. Directed by Gary Ross, "The Hunger Games" tells of a dystopian world where teens fight each other to the death in a televised spectacle. The film, which cost about $80 million to make and grossed nearly $700 million worldwide, was shot in locations throughout North Carolina, according to IMDB.com, an Internet movie database.

Rodger's other noteworthy credit was a 2009 documentary called "Oh My God." The film, which asked people from various backgrounds about what God was to them, cost nearly $1.3 million to make but grossed only about $38,000.

Rodger is currently listed as working as an assistant director on an animated short called "Amazon: Crossroads to Survival."

He is the son of the late George Rodger, a renowned British war photographer who went on to found the Magnum photo agency. ***(AP)***

Walters gives archives to Sarah Lawrence College

NEW YORK (AP)—Barbara Walters is giving a trove of tapes, papers and photos from her five decades in journalism to Sarah Lawrence College, her alma mater.

Walters made the announcement in a surprise appearance at the suburban New York college's commencement Friday. The Journal News (http://lohud.us/1jI5dY2) says she told the graduates that her career benefited from going to what she called "a college where I was not afraid to ask questions."

College President Karen Lawrence says in a statement that the school is thrilled by the gift. Walters retired from daily television this month. Her final episode of "The View" aired May 16. She remains an executive producer of the show.

CNN host Fareed Zakaria gave Friday's commencement address, joking that Walters' surprise was a tough act to follow.

Clive Owen on love, new movie and going back to TV

AP

In this Feb. 5, 2009 file photo, British actor Clive Owen, left, and his wife Sarah-Jane Fenton arrive for the screening of the Berlinale opening movie "The International"' at the Berlinale in Berlin.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Clive Owen has co-starred with his share of beautiful ladies over the years, including Angelina Jolie, Julia Roberts and most recently, Juliette Binoche. But he says only one actress has held the key to his heart—Sarah-Jane Fenton, his wife of nearly two decades.

His secret? "If you go away for a long period of time for a shoot you then go home for a long period of time and put it back there because otherwise you're not going to sustain it," the actor explained in a recent interview.

Owen stars in "Words and Pictures," out Friday, as a rumpled English teacher at odds with a prickly art instructor (Binoche) at a Maine prep school. Their issue: What's more important, words or pictures? But while the two wage war on campus, they're falling in love behind the scenes.

Before becoming a film star and receiving an Oscar nomination for "Closer," Owen got his start in TV as the lead in the 1990-91 series "Chancer." Now, as so many movie actors are doing these days, he's going back to the smaller screen, starring in the Steven Soderbergh VOD miniseries "The Knick," which is out later this year on Cinemax.

"We shot all 10 hours set in the world of medicine in 1900 New York," Owen said. "It's a big sort of sprawling look at New York at that time and in particular the world of medicine, all seen through the eyes of this big hospital. I play a genius doctor who is struggling with drug addiction."

Nosy new husband claims he has the right to snoop

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: I married a great guy a short while ago. It's the second marriage for both of us. He's good to my kids, my parents, and even gets along with my ex-husband.

"Stan" moved into my home after we married. There's only one major problem I'm having trouble dealing with: He goes through all my things, from my mail to my closet. I have caught him going through my glove compartment, the trunk of my car and anything else he can get his hands on.

He says he has a "right" to do it "because we are married," but I don't look at it that way. His first marriage did not go well. His ex didn't cheat on him, so I don't know where this is coming from.

Abby, I am squeaky clean. I have never given him any reason not to trust me. I believe he's just nosy. Meanwhile, I feel violated.

I have tried talking to him about it, but he just doesn't get it. Please help before I end my new marriage.

THE NEW MRS. IN DELAWARE

DEAR NEW MRS.: "Great guys" do not rifle through their wives' mail and personal belongings after having been asked not to. You say your husband's first marriage didn't go well, and she didn't cheat on him. Do you know what did cause their divorce?

Your husband's obsession with searching through your belongings is not normal behavior. There may be a chapter in his life you know nothing about.

Because you have asked him to stop, and he is either unwilling or unable to, it may take help from a licensed psychotherapist to get to the bottom of it. Of course, in order for that to happen, your husband would have to be willing. If he isn't, you may indeed have to decide whether you can live with this "quirk" of his or would be better off without him.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a teacher who loves my job. Now that the school year is winding down, may I ask you to pass on this suggestion to all the wonderful parents who send in gifts to their children's teachers?

My family has food allergies. For this reason, unless the lovingly baked goodies have ALL the ingredients listed on the wrapping paper, my family cannot enjoy them. I usually pass on these goodies to other teachers and neighbors. (Please don't think I'm not appreciative; this is purely a medical precaution.)

If I may suggest a gift idea: gift certificates for all kinds of flowers. How often do we receive the joy of flowers? Thank you for passing this along.

EDUCATOR IN SOUTH CAROLINA

DEAR EDUCATOR: You're welcome. While gift certificates for flowers are a wonderful idea, I'm sure a gift certificate for school supplies would also be welcomed, because many teachers purchase supplies for their classrooms out of their own funds.

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DEAR READERS: Along with the millions of Americans who are observing this Memorial Day, I would like to add my prayer of thanks to those men and women of our armed services who laid down their lives in service to our country. May they rest in peace. —Love, ABBY

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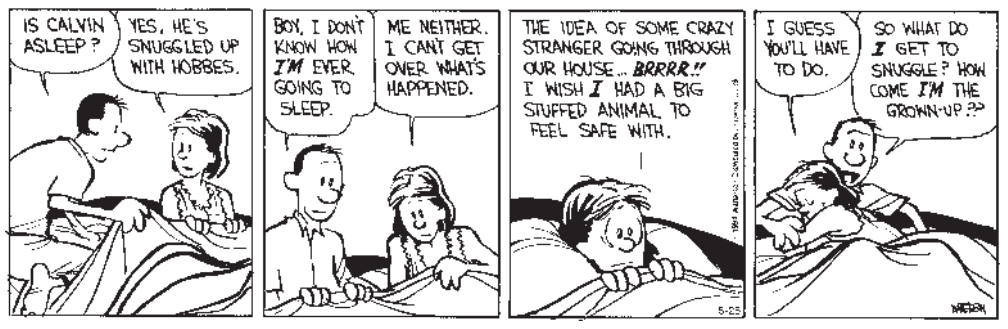
Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson


IS CALVIN ASLEEP?
YES, HE'S SNUGGLED UP WITH HOBBES.
BOY, I DON'T KNOW HOW I'M EVER GOING TO SLEEP.
ME NEITHER. I CAN'T GET OVER WHAT'S HAPPENED.
THE IDEA OF SOME CRAZY STRANGER GOING THROUGH OUR HOUSE... BRRRR!! I WISH I HAD A BIG STUFFED ANIMAL TO FEEL SAFE WITH.
I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO DO.
SO WHAT DO I GET TO SNUGGLE? HOW COME I'M THE GROWN-UP??

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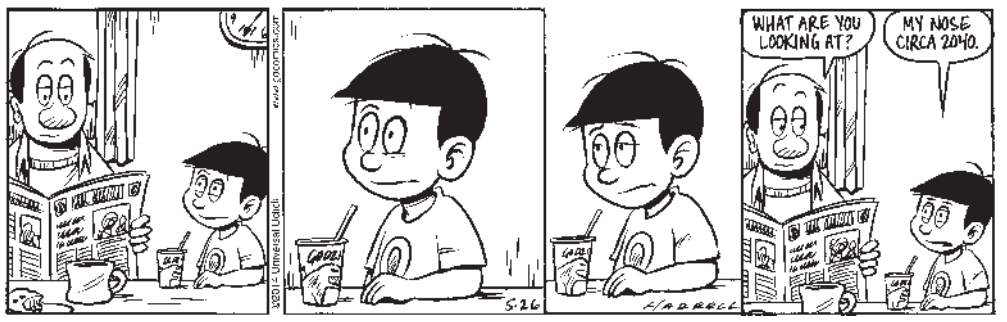
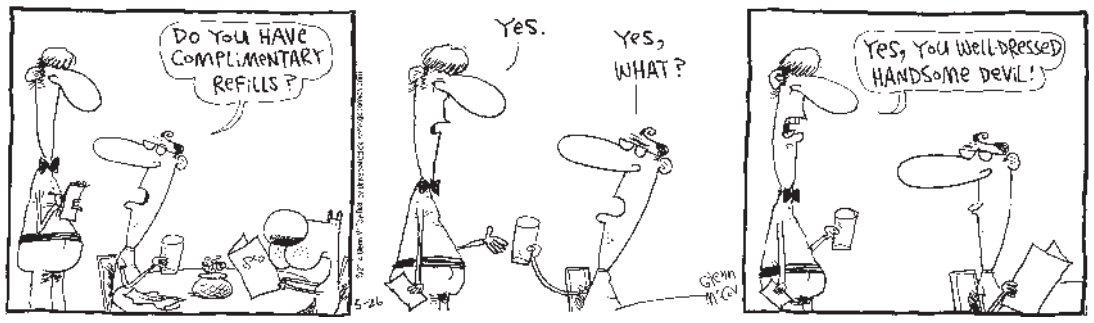


The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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8 Bivouac
12 Town near Padua
13 Bachelor's final answer?
14 Tarzan's cronies
15 Largest continent
16 Stronghold
18 Buccaneer's pet
20 Desire for drink
21 Leave out
23 Still
24 Shore up
28 Wrestling style
31 Simile center
32 Devoured
34 Knock
35 Body powder
37 Diana, e.g.
39 Compass pt.
41 Sketch
42 Snub
45 Allende or Peron
49 Futon, e.g.
51 iPod variety
52 Sheltered from the storm
53 Director Spike
54 Plumbing problem
55 Scoundrels
56 Affirmative
57 Tosses in

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1 Harvest
2 Greek mountain
3 Swizzle
4 "Citizen Kane" inspiration
5 Golden anniversary
6 Commotion
7 Legal wrong
8 Tooth decay
9 Hole
10 Disarray
11 "Hey, you!"
17 Your
19 Gumbo ingredient
22 Impostor, for short
24 Airborne Dracula
25 "Born in the —"
26 Having natural ability
27 Dawns
29 More (Sp.)
30 Chances, for short
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36 $100 bills
38 Landlocked African nation
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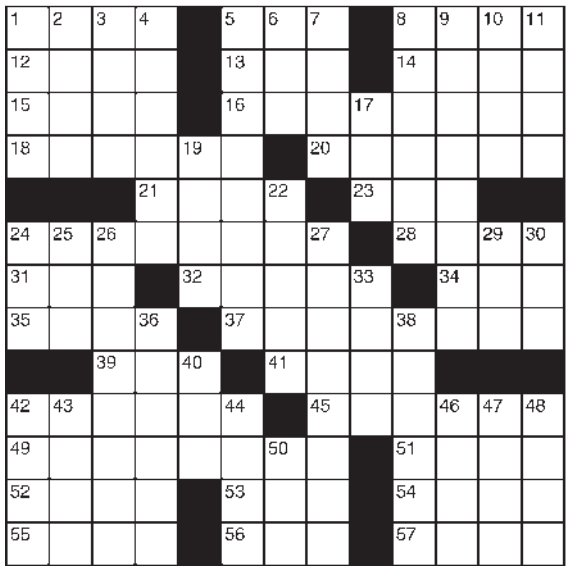
Friday's answer 5-26



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Happy Birthday: Unclutter your life. Home in on what really matters to you. Make your own opportunities. It's up to you to pursue your dreams. Reevaluate what you want to achieve. Heading in a direction that will bring you the greatest joy and satisfaction should be your goal. The people offering the most support are the keepers. Your numbers are 6, 17, 26, 28, 35, 38, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): You can get ahead if you discuss your ideas with colleagues, your boss or someone with clout. Presenting what you have to offer succinctly will lead to success. Keep your plans simple, realistic and affordable. ✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Emotions will be difficult to control. Take your time, relax and don't let things get to you. Preparation and organization will be your best bet, along with ignoring anyone making complaints. A thoughtless remark handled wisely can give you an edge. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Take care of personal, financial, legal or medical matters. Take a no-nonsense approach and deal with everyone directly. Avoid excess, overspending and overdoing. Don't feel you have to pay for others or make a donation. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): What you offer others will bring high returns. Setting high standards will encourage those around you to follow suit. You will have an influence when it comes to community and social reform if you speak up. You can make a difference. ✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Don't make promises you cannot keep. Decipher what will bring you the highest return and head in that direction. Form a working relationship with someone who can deal with the small details you don't have time for. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Taking on too much will lead to confusion. Realizing that you must satisfy your needs first will put you at ease and point you in the right direction. A confident attitude will help you persuade others to see things your way. ✪✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Personal business should take top priority. Don't put things off or you will come across as being wishy-washy. Your suggestions executed with assurance will be the determining factor to the outcome of what happens next regarding your reputation, status and domestic situation. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Look for new possibilities. Someone or something unusual that grabs your attention will lead to an exciting revelation. A proposition looks interesting and can lead to a change in the way you live. Consider new possibilities and keep an open mind. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Hard work will be required if you expect a return. Ask for help if it will make the difference between finishing a job and falling short. Be reluctant to pay for something too quickly. Make sure the work or product is satisfactory first. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You may need to make a point, but arguing will not be the way to convince others to do things your way. Work quietly behind the scenes, and once you feel satisfied with the results, everything else will fall into place. ✪✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Problems getting along with your peers will set you back and can lead to unexpected changes in the way you earn your living. Fix up your surroundings to better suit your needs. A home-based business looks promising. ✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Don't let someone with charisma and big ideas lead you astray. Your insight into legal, medical or financial matters will help you make the best choice for yourself. Have the confidence to follow your instincts and avoid meddling or interference. ✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are adaptable, intellectual and energetic. You are insightful and creative.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 5/26

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. NICOLAS M. MENDIOLA, Defendant.	) Civil Action) No. 13-0015) NOTICE OF) AUCTION and) JUDICIAL SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of July, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgage Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **12th day of June, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 345 R 40, situated in Sinapalo I, Rota, as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 345 R 02 dated December 19, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 950 square meters more or less.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARIANAS PUBLIC LAND TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. EDWIN B. TUDELA and PATRICIA A. TUDELA, Defendants.	) CIVIL ACTION) NO. 11-0209) NOTICE OF) HEARING ON) PLAINTIFF'S) MOTION FOR) DEFAULT) JUDGMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 4, 2014 , at 9:00 a.m., a hearing will be held before Presiding Judge Robert C. Naraja on Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment in the above-captioned matter, at the Superior Court for the CNMI, *Guma Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Respectfully submitted this 22nd day of April, 2014.

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Heat rally late, beat Pacers 99-87 in Game 3

MIAMI (AP)—Down by 15 early, the Miami Heat could have hit the panic button.

Instead, they found a way to move within two wins of another trip to the NBA Finals.

LeBron James scored 26 points, Dwyane Wade added 23 and the Heat shook off a horrid start to beat the Indiana Pacers 99-87 on Saturday night in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals, taking a 2-1 lead and breaking a back-and-forth trend in the rivalry. The teams had alternated wins and losses in 13 straight meetings—until now.

Miami trailed 37-22 before outscoring Indiana 77-50 the rest of the way.

"A lot of our situations that we've been through where we've struggled have been against this team," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said. "That's what they do to you. They're very good. It's a function of their defense.

"But we had no choice but try to re-gather."

That they did.

And then some.

Ray Allen added all 16 points in the second half to lead a late-game charge for the Heat, who will host Game 4 on Monday night. And it was the second time this season the Heat rallied from 15 points down to beat the Pacers in Miami—it also happened on Dec. 18.

"Tough loss for our guys," Pacers coach Frank Vogel said. "Thought we competed pretty well, came out of the gates really strong, got off to a good start and then didn't manage our foul trouble well and didn't manage picking up their defensive intensity well."

It's the third straight series where the Pacers have faced a deficit.

"A ton," Vogel said when asked how much resiliency the Pacers have left. "It's very early in the series."

Paul George scored 17 points for Indiana, shooting 5 for 13 in his return after being concussed late in Game 2. Roy Hibbert had 16 points and David West added 13 for the Pacers, who never trailed until early in the third quarter.

Miami started the game 2 for 10 from the floor. The Heat then made 21 of their next 31 shots, including eight straight in the third that gave the two-time defending NBA champions their first lead.

James' dunk with 7:36 remaining in the third put Miami up 52-51. That was the first of nine lead changes in the quarter, before the Heat did what Spoelstra implored his team to do in a pregame locker room address.

"Impose our identity," Spoelstra said.

Eventually, the message reached the Heat, and their two best players led the way.

James' 3-pointer with 1:21 left in the third put Miami up 67-63, then its biggest lead of the night. Wade subbed in for James with 5.7 seconds left because the four-time MVP was dealing with what appeared to be a hamstring cramp and connected on a 3-pointer with 1.4 ticks remaining for a 74-67 lead going into the fourth.

James retreated toward the locker room at that point, stopping halfway down the hallway known as "Championship Alley" while trainer Mike Mancias stretched him out. Meanwhile, Wade—not exactly known for behind-the-arc prowess—opened the fourth quarter with another 3, the Heat were up 10 and the floodgates were opening.

"I wasn't going to leave until I saw what he was going to do," said James, who watched the first of those 3s by Wade before departing for treatment.

Added Wade: "I can shoot the 3 ball. I just decide not to."

Indiana got to 76-74 before Allen made a 3-pointer, and with that, the tone was set for the final minutes. Allen made three 3s in the final 5:59, the last putting Miami up by 15.

"I think we need to stick to what we do," West said. "We got away from ourselves. We tried to make some stuff on the fly, which is not us."

The halftime score looked ugly: Pacers 42, Heat 38.

That didn't even come close to describing how much Miami struggled at times. Here's one example: After 11 minutes, it was Hibbert 10, Heat 10.

Indiana led 19-5 early and 37-22 midway through the second. Luis Scola scored eight points off the bench in less than three minutes, and the Pacers were rolling.

Or at least, looked like they were rolling.

In the final 6:22 of the half, they had more turnovers (six) than points (five). And Miami took advantage, especially after George went to the bench with his third foul. Wade and James combined for 14 of Miami's final 18 points in the second, and a pair of short shots by Wade in the final minute helped pull the Heat within four at the break.

Second half, different story. Indiana scored 45 points. James, Wade and Allen combined for 47 themselves.

"When they made a run," Lance Stephenson said, "we never responded."

AP

Miami Heat forward LeBron James celebrates late in the second half of Game 3 in the NBA basketball Eastern Conference finals playoff series against the Indiana Pacers, Saturday, May 24, 2014, in Miami. The Heat defeated the Pacers 99-87.

Thunder's Ibaka may be available vs Spurs

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP)—The San Antonio Spurs never believed Serge Ibaka was out for the Western Conference finals, even after the Thunder said they expected him to miss the rest of the playoffs with a calf injury.

Looks like the Spurs might have been on to something. The Thunder said Friday that their defensive standout now is day-to-day after his strained left calf showed improved movement and stability and a significant decrease in swelling. The Thunder have missed Ibaka badly as San Antonio has raced to a 2-0 lead in the series, and his possible return gives the Thunder hope as they prepare for Game 3 on Sunday in Oklahoma City.

"His progress in the last several days has been surprising," Thunder general manager Sam Presti said. "I don't think any of us thought we'd be standing here talking about this. We're grateful that we are."

Well, maybe no one with the Thunder expected it. The Spurs certainly did.

"We knew he would be back, and that's good," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "Nobody would wish that on anybody to miss a playoff. We've had guys miss playoffs before. It's obviously a downer. If he gets back in—and I'm sure he will, as I've said from the beginning—I think it's great."

Ibaka was injured in Game 6 against the Los Angeles Clippers, a Western Conference semifinals series-clinching win on May 15. He is averaging 12.2 points, 7.3 rebounds and 2.2 blocks in the playoffs while shooting 62 percent from the field.

Presti did not say if Ibaka would be available for Game 3, just that he could not be ruled out. Presti said he felt it best to be forthcoming with the change in the situation.

"It would be convenient to not provide the information, and if he were ever healthy enough to play in a game, to release that an hour before the game," he said. "But in this case, we don't think that was the way to handle it, because previously, we had deemed him out. And we can't deem him out."

Ibaka, a 6-foot-10 forward, led the league in blocked shots during the regular season and erased many of Oklahoma City's defensive mistakes. Without having to deal with Oklahoma City's primary rim protector, San Antonio scored 66 points in the paint on 67 percent shooting in a 122-105 win in Game 1. The Spurs followed up with 54 points in the paint on 66 percent shooting in a 112-77 blowout in Game 2.

Ibaka also provides balance for Oklahoma City's offense with his mid-range jumper and an ability to finish close to the hoop when defenses focus on Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook. "Big difference," Spurs guard Danny Green said. "Obviously, one of the best defensive players in the league. Alters everything around the basket, rebounds, and also, of course, he can knock down shots. So you've got to respect him. Hopefully, if he does come back he's not as fresh, he's a little rusty."

San Antonio said it will not make adjustments based on the news.

"We're going to try to do the same thing," Spurs guard Manu Ginobili said. "It's not like we're going to change the game plan for him. For sure, he's going to give them another big body that can be a presence in the paint, block shots and make some jumpers, but our idea will be the same."

Presti said Oklahoma City's medical staff would like to see Ibaka go through game-like conditions before allowing him to return. So far, he has done low-impact training—light drills and light shooting. Conditioning could be an issue and even if he returns it's unclear how much he would play.

"We're still focusing on trying to beat the Spurs without him playing," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "That has not changed. I know he's listed as day-to-day, but he is out until I'm told differently."

Thunder center Kendrick Perkins said Ibaka could not have erased all the defensive mistakes the Thunder made in Game 2. The Spurs shot 50 percent from the field and made 9 of 23 3-pointers.

"He's a key guy, but at the end of the day, we shouldn't be getting beat this bad," Perkins said. "In my opinion, even if we would have Serge the last game, the way we played, we still would have lost."

Sources: T-Wolves want Joerger as coach

MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The Minnesota Timberwolves have decided they want to bring Dave Joerger home to be their coach. Now all that stands in the way is agreeing on a contract and any possible compensation with the Memphis Grizzlies.

The Timberwolves decided on Joerger as the replacement for Rick Adelman on Saturday night after the Minnesota-born Grizzlies coach met with team leadership, including owner Glen Taylor, two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press.

Joerger, who went 50-32 in his first season as coach of the Grizzlies and helped the team to the seventh seed in the Western Conference playoff field, is still under contract for two more years in Memphis. But owner Robert Pera is believed to be considering a coaching change after he recently fired CEO Jason Levien and director of player personnel Stu Lash, and it remained unclear just how much the Timberwolves want to give to the Grizzlies for a coach many presume could be fired any day.

Joerger, who is from Staples and went to college at Minnesota State, Moorhead, met with Timberwolves president of basketball operations Flip Saunders on Thursday, then with several Wolves officials, including Taylor, for a second interview on Saturday evening.

It's clear he made quite an impression, because the Wolves decided shortly after the second meeting to zero in on him over other candidates including former Raptors coach and Timberwolves player Sam Mitchell and Lionel Hollins, who was replaced by Joerger in Memphis before this season.

The 40-year-old Joerger got to know Saunders as a young man trying to break into the coaching ranks when he was allowed to sit on several training camp practices for the Timberwolves, who were coached by Saunders from 1995-2005. He then followed a similar career path to Saunders, winning five championships while coaching in the International Basketball Association, the CBA and the NBDL before breaking into the NBA as an assistant with the Grizzlies seven years ago.

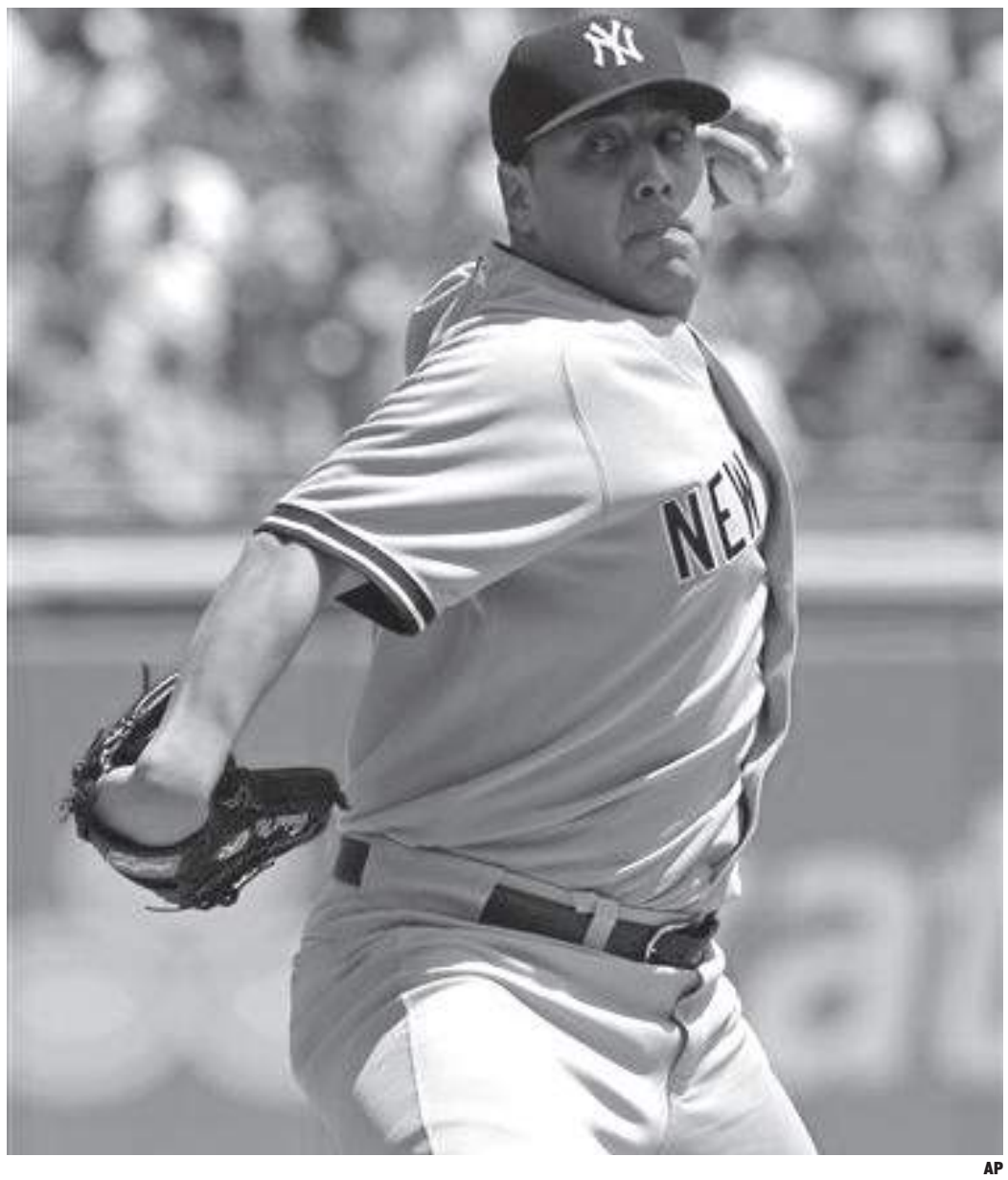
After the Grizzlies lost to San Antonio in the Western Conference finals last year, Joerger took over for the dismissed Hollins and impressed with his ability to adjust his schemes and philosophies to the talent on his roster, and do it on the fly. The Grizzlies started this season 10-15, prompting Joerger to ditch the more open offensive style he was trying to institute on a team that struggled to score in the halfcourt for the slower-paced, "Grit `n' Grind" style that became the Grizzlies' hallmark under Hollins.

Yankees rally for 4-3 victory over White Sox

CHICAGO (AP)—Jacoby Ellsbury homered with two outs in the 10th inning as the New York Yankees ended an eight-game road losing streak against the Chicago White Sox with a 4-3 victory on Saturday.

The Yankees scored three times in the ninth against Ronald Belisario and then grabbed their first lead of the day when Ellsbury hit a drive to right off Zach Putnam (2-1) for his second homer.

Dellin Betances (3-0) pitched a perfect inning for the win and David Robertson finished for his 10th save in 11 chances, bouncing back nicely after yielding Adam Dunn's game-ending homer in Chicago's 6-5 victory on Friday night.



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New York Yankees starter Vidal Nuno throws against the Chicago White Sox during the first inning of a baseball game in Chicago on Saturday, May 24, 2014.

Blue Jays 5, Athletics 2

In Toronto, R.A. Dickey won for the third time in four starts and Brett Lawrie homered as the Blue Jays beat the Athletics.

The AL East-leading Blue Jays (28-22), who won for the 10th time in 12 games, haven't been atop the division this late into the season since July 6, 2000, when they were 46-40.

Dickey (5-4) allowed one run and five hits in a season-high 8 1-3 innings. He walked one and struck out four.

Jesse Chavez (4-2) allowed four runs, two earned, and eight hits in 5 1-3 innings, the second straight start he has failed to reach six innings.

Royals 7, Angels 4, 13 innings

In Anaheim, California, Eric Hosmer equaled a season high with four hits and pinch-runner Jarrod Dyson scored the go-ahead run in the 13th inning off a throwing error by rookie reliever Mike Morin as Kansas City won a 4-hour, 53-minute marathon.

Danny Valencia led off the 13th inning with a double off the fence in left-center. Dyson went into run for him and scored when Morin (0-1) fielded Alcides Escobar's sacrifice bunt and threw the ball past first base as Dyson came home. Nori Aoki hit an RBI single and Billy Butler capped the scoring with his second sacrifice fly.

Aaron Crow (2-1) pitched two innings for the victory and Greg Holland got three outs for the save.

Indians 9, Orioles 0

In Baltimore, Corey Kluber struck out nine batters in seven innings as the Indians beat former teammate Ubaldo Jimenez and the Orioles for their fifth win in six games.

Carlos Santana homered and walked three times for the Indians, who took control with a five-run fifth and pulled away by scoring four in the seventh.

Kluber (5-3) became the first pitcher in the majors this season to have five straight outings with at least eight strikeouts. He gave up five hits, walked two and did not allow a runner past second base.

Jimenez (2-6) tied two undesirable season highs, giving up five runs and walking five, in four-plus innings.

Astros 9, Mariners 4

In Seattle, George Springer hit a pair of two-run homers and Brett Oberholtzer scattered six hits over six innings for Houston.

Springer, the Astros' rookie right fielder who missed the first two games of the series with a sore hip flexor, homered in the first and in the Astros' five-run fifth. He added an RBI in the sixth for a career-high five in his 33rd big league game.

Oberholtzer (1-6), recalled from Triple-A Oklahoma City before the game, allowed two runs in the first, and then settled in. He finished with three runs allowed—two earned—with one walk and a career-high eight strikeouts.

Brandon Maurer (1-3) went 4 1-3 innings for the Mariners, allowing six runs on six hits. He walked one and struck out two.

Rangers 12, Tigers 2

In Detroit, Nick Martinez pitched six sharp innings for his first major league win and fellow rookie Rougned Odor drove in five runs with a pair of triples to lead the Rangers to a rout of Detroit.

Martinez (1-1) allowed a run and eight hits, and Adrian Beltre and Donnie Murphy homered for Texas. The Rangers scored four runs in the fourth, plus three each in the sixth and seventh.

Rick Porcello (7-2) had won his last six starts before being knocked around by Texas. He allowed eight runs and 12 hits in 5 1-3 innings.

Detroit has lost five of six.

Rays 6, Red Sox 5, 15 innings

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Andrew Miller threw a force attempt at second base into center field, allowing pinch-runner Cole Figueroa to score in the bottom of the 15th inning as the Rays handed the Red Sox their ninth consecutive loss.

Boston scored five runs in the first inning but still lost its ninth in a row for the first time since Aug. 25-Sept. 4, 2001.

James Loney opened the 15th with a single off Miller (1-4). Figueroa ran for Loney and went to second on Brandon Guyer's bunt single. He scored when Miller threw the ball into center field while attempting to get a double play on Desmond Jennings' grounder.

Cesar Ramos (2-3) allowed an infield single and two walks in three scoreless innings for the win.

Rockies 3, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Michael Cuddyer and Troy Tulowitzki each homered as the Colorado Rockies beat Atlanta.

The Rockies were without some of their big bats. Carlos Gonzalez missed his third straight start with a swollen finger and Nolan Arenado was placed on the 15-day disabled list with a broken finger.

Juan Nicasio (5-2) didn't need much offense. The right-hander turned around his ugly history against the Braves—0-3 and 9.82 ERA in four starts. He gave up only two hits in six shutout innings. Nicasio pitched around four walks and had five strikeouts.

Atlanta's Mike Minor (2-3) allowed three runs on four hits—including the two homers—in 6 2-3 innings.

Pirates 3, Nationals 2

In Pittsburgh, Josh Harrison had a tiebreaking, two-out single in the seventh inning after Jose Tabata hit a sacrifice fly as Pittsburgh won its fourth straight game.

Gerrit Cole left after six innings trailing by a run while facing Stephen Strasburg in the first matchup in the NL of No. 1 overall draft picks in almost nine years.

But Strasburg (3-4) allowed three runs on seven hits with seven strikeouts in seven innings.

Cole—the top pick of the 2011 draft, two years after Strasburg went first—allowed two runs on five hits with seven strikeouts.

Neil Walker hit his 10th home run for the Pirates, who tied their season-best winning streak.

Jered Hughes (3-1), Jeanmar Gomez and Mark Melancon each worked a perfect inning of relief for Pittsburgh.

Phillies 5, Dodgers 3

In Philadelphia, David Buchanan threw five effective innings in his major league debut and Chase Utley hit a two-run homer to power Philadelphia.

Filling in for injured ace Cliff Lee, Buchanan (1-0) gave the struggling Phillies a lift. The 25-year-old righty allowed two runs and five hits, striking out two.

Ben Revere went 4 for 4 in his first game leading off since May 14 and Jimmy Rollins drove in two runs to help the Phillies snap a three-game losing streak.

Jonathan Papelbon tossed a scoreless ninth for his 13th save in 14 tries.

Dodgers starter Dan Haren (5-3) gave up five runs—two earned—and six hits, striking out seven in six innings.

Marlins 2, Brewers 1

In Miami, Jacob Turner pitched 6 1-3 scoreless innings to help Miami win for the third time in four games.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia and Jeff Baker drove in the runs for the Marlins, and Steve Cishek recorded the final four outs for his 10th save in 11 chances.

It was the best outing of the season for Turner (1-2), who struck out two and walked one while allowing eight hits. It was only the second time in six starts that he has not allowed at least four runs.

Brewers starter Wily Peralta (4-4) allowed one run and six hits in six innings.

Milwaukee's Ryan Braun was in the lineup after missing Friday's game with tightness in his right side and went 1 for 4.

Cardinals 6, Reds 3

In Cincinnati, left-handed pitcher Jaime Garcia got his first victory in more than a year in his comeback from shoulder surgery and Yadier Molina homered again in the city where he's always booed, leading St. Louis to victory.

The Cardinals evened their series at a game apiece. St. Louis has won nine of the last 10 series between the NL Central rivals.

Garcia (1-0) made his second start since recovering from surgery on his labrum and rotator cuff last May. He gave up six hits and a pair of runs in 5 2-3 innings, fanning seven and retiring 12 batters in a row over one span.

Ryan Ludwick homered in the ninth off Jason Motte. Trevor Rosenthal came on with two outs and fanned Todd Frazier with two runners aboard for his 15th save in 17 chances.

Molina hit a solo shot off left-hander Tony Cingrani (2-4), who has lost both of his starts since returning from the disabled list following a bout with shoulder tendinitis.

Cubs 3, Padres 2

In San Diego, Chicago held on after left-hander Travis Wood came within five outs of pitching his first career shutout before allowing Carlos Quentin's pinch-hit, two-run home run in the eighth.

Wood (5-4) hit an RBI single and Luis Valbuena homered for the Cubs, who bounced back from an 11-1 loss Friday night.

Wood allowed two runs and three hits in 7 1-3 innings, struck out three and walked two.

Quentin, who missed the previous four games with a groin injury, hit an 86-mph slider an estimated 405 feet off the left-field facade with one out in the eighth to chase Wood. Quentin has five career pinch homers and two in one week. Yasmani Grandal was aboard on a one-out walk.

Hector Rondon pitched the ninth for his sixth save in seven chances.

Diamondbacks 3, Mets 2

In New York, Josh Collmenter provided another solid start and Martin Prado hit a pair of RBI singles as Arizona ended a three-game losing streak.

A day after Aaron Hill had a home run washed out when the game at Citi Field was postponed because of rain, he cracked a key hit that counted. His second-inning double set up run-scoring singles by Prado and Cody Ross that put Arizona ahead to stay.

David Wright homered, doubled and singled for the Mets.

Collmenter (3-2) won his third decision in a row over a span of six starts. The righty with the unusual, straight over-the-top delivery allowed two runs in six innings before the Arizona bullpen held on.

Giants 2, Twins 1

In San Francisco, Ryan Vogelsong struck out seven in 6 2-3 scoreless innings, Pablo Sandoval homered for the fourth time in six games as San Francisco won its sixth straight interleague game dating to last season.

Vogelsong (3-2) allowed three hits and one walks to give him a 1.35 ERA in his past six starts.

Josmil Pinto broke up the shutout bid with a leadoff homer in the ninth inning against Sergio Romo, but that was all the Twins could manage. Romo retired the next three batters to get his 16th save in 18 chances.

Samuel Deduno (1-3) allowed two runs in 5 2-3 innings after being moved up a day in Minnesota's rotation.

Toms, Matsuyama, Campbell, Stroud lead at Colonial

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)—David Toms felt no need to even look at the Colonial leaderboard until noticing more people with cameras suddenly watching late in his third round.

"I didn't feel like I was really relevant at the time to even look at it," Toms said. "I knew something was going on."

Three years after the last of his 13 PGA Tour victories, also at Hogan's Alley, the 47-year-old Toms was back in contention. He wasn't alone.

Toms shared the lead Saturday with Hideki Matsuyama, Chad Campbell and Chris Stroud at 7-under 203, the highest leading 54-hole score at Colonial since 1999. Among the other 13 players within two strokes of the lead were Adam Scott, the No. 1 player in the world, and Jimmy Walker, a three-time winner this season and No. 1 in the FedEx Cup standings.

"It's kind of jammed in there," Campbell said.

Kevin Chappell, whose early 7-under 63 was the low round of the day, moved from a tie for 60th after just making the cut to within one stroke of the lead.

Matsuyama, the 22-year-old from Japan with five wins at home, shot a bogey-free 64 Saturday. Toms had a 65, local resident Campbell shot 68 and Stroud finished bogey-birdie for a 69.

Walker was 6 under after a 69, and Scott was another stroke back after his bogey-free 66.

Campbell and Walker, playing together, were alone atop the leaderboard at 8 under before both bogeyed the 161-yard 13th hole.

When Walker missed a 9-footer, it was his first bogey all week - and he had another after hitting from two different greenside bunkers at No. 15. Campbell held the lead alone only for a moment before missing his 4-foot par chance at No. 13.

Second-round leader Brice Garnett fell back with a bogey at the 216-yard fourth hole, followed by a double bogey when he drove out of bounds at the tight fifth hole that runs parallel to the Trinity River. The PGA Tour rookie shot 74 and dropped into a tie for 25th at 3 under.

With raised expectations at Colonial after winning his plaid jacket in 2011, Toms missed the cut the last two years.

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The 17-year-old and No. 562-ranked American advanced to the finals after sweeping Hong Kong and seventh-seeded Ming Chun Alan Sou in the semifinals in the upper half of the draw last Friday, 6-0, 6-3. In the bottom half of the semis, Miyamoto also came from a straight set victory over Australian and No. 8 pick Benard Bruno Nkomba, 6-2, 6-2.

In the two-hour girls singles finale, Takanishi completed her upset run in the tournament with the victory over compatriot and fourth-ranked Nanaka Takeuchi. Takanishi, who had to go through a qualifying tournament and beat foes at the top of the bracket to march into the finals, set up the impending upset after an impressive 6-3 win in the opening set of the finals. The 15-year-old Japanese then went up, 5-3, in the second set to move one point way from a finals sweep before Takeuchi fought back and stole the set, 7-5, to extend the title game. In the third set, fatigue caused by her late rally in the second took its toll on Takeuchi, who committed several unforced errors, allowing Takanishi to walk away with a title-clinching 6-1 win.

Takanishi, who eliminated the No. 1 seed Yinglat Jittakoat and seeded pick Kanako Ota in the early rounds, bagged the finals berth at the top half of the draw after another stunner over the third-ranked Ayano Shimizu in the semifinals last Friday, 7-5, 6-2. In the other semis pairing last Friday, Takeuchi foiled an all-qualifier finals after ending Ayumi Hirata's run, 7-5, 6-3.

Ackerman wins; Lee makes finals

Meanwhile, the CNMI's Tammy Ackerman and Jake Lee both made it to the finals of the consolation draw.

Ackerman, who bowed to Hirata in the first round of the main draw, notched three victories in the consolation draw to rule the field. She first shut out fellow CNMI bet Grace Choice, 4-0, 4-0, and then outclassed Japan's Asumi Kanazawa, 5-4 (5), 2-4, 10-5, to barge into the finals against another Japanese player Maine Hiramatsu. Hiramatsu prevented an all-CNMI finals after booting out Mimi Sakano in the other semis duel, 4-2, 4-0. In the finals, Ackerman waltzed to a 6-3, 6-1 win.

In the boys division, Lee drew a bye in the first round and won his first two matches to gain a finals ticket. Lee was paired against fellow CNMI player Luther Lizama in the quarterfinals and prevailed, 4-1, 4-1, while in the semis the former downed Japan's Eikoj Hayashi, 4-0, 4-2. Hayashi prevented a CNMI vs CNMI semis tiff in the upper bracket of the consolation draw after ousting Amami Sakano, 4-5 (3), 4-1, 11-9.

In the lower bracket, it was Yuki Watanabe's turn to foil an all-CNMI finale when he swept Moris Villanueva in the semifinals, 4-0, 4-1. Watanabe went on to beat Lee in the finals, 4-0, 4-0.

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posting the field's fourth-best 1:03.17 in the preliminary race and his finals time surpassed the CNMI national record (1:02.75) he logged on March 22, 2014, during the 2014 Saipan Swim Club International Invitational Meet at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool. Kimura missed the podium in the 100m backstroke by just a notch, as he was ranked fourth but beat 10 other swimmers from Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Tonga, and the Cook Islands. Australia's Nicholas Groenewald ruled the event with a time of 56.68 seconds, while Hawaii's Makoa Alvarez (59.16 seconds) and Fiji's William Clark (1:00.93).

The 17-year-old Kimura's two other national records also came from backstroke events—50m and 200m. In the 50m backstroke, he reset the CNMI mark twice. Kimura first submitted 29.08 seconds in the preliminary race to eclipse the old national record (29.13 seconds) he registered on March 21, 2014, during the same SSC-organized competition. Then in the finals, Kimura broke the 29-second barrier as he timed in at 28.94 seconds, the sixth best time in the field. Groenwald won the race anew with his 26.60 seconds.

In the 200m backstroke, Kimura missed the CNMI national record in his first attempt, as he posted 2:20.54 in the preliminary race. He finished third in the qualifier to make it to the finals where he earned his third national mark after submitting 2:18.04. Kimura's time was more than a second faster than the previous CNMI record (2:19.12) he set on Jan. 19, 2013 during the 6th Australian Youth Olympic Festival in Sydney.

On top of breaking the CNMI record in the 200m backstroke, Kimura also made it to the podium in that event, placing third behind Groenewald (2:03.56) and New Zealand's Bradley Ashby (2:07.30) and defeating five swimmers.

Meanwhile, Kimura capped his stint in the four-day tournament with a finals stint in the 200m individual medley. He registered 2:18.76 in the event, failing to break the CNMI record (2:09.59) Rezne Wong earned on July 31, 2013, during the 2013 FINA World Championships in Barcelona, Spain. Though Kimura faltered on his bid for a fifth CNMI mark and was just ranked No. 12 out of 16 swimmers in the finals, he managed to beat his time in the preliminary race by more than two seconds (2:21.07).

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precarious 3-point lead when it launched a 6-0 run in the last two minutes of regulation off Jerome Norita's jumper, Cecilio Bisana's running bank shot, and Syl Teregeyo's reverse layup from a steal at JP World's backcourt.

Jun Estolas then uncharacteristically muffed two charities on the other end. However, Island Manpower failed to keep its composure and the lead in the closing seconds as it committed one error after another. Big man Alex Standish received the inbound pass on two occasions and lost possession on both times, as he was pressured by JP World defenders. Bisana also had two booboos with the first one near the midcourt line in front of the table officials after he received the inbound pass and tried to pick up his dribble, but Peredo sneaked in and stole possession.

Peredo completed the steal and went strong to the basket, missed, but was fouled. He made the first free throw, but the second one hit nothing but air. Island Manpower sued for time in a bid to protect its shaky 2-point lead, 68-70, with 11 seconds left in the fourth.

When the game resumed, Pete Lizama went for an inbound play at the right sideline with the rest of his teammates lining up on that side instead of scattering around to have space in case JP World hounded the receiver. The lack of enough spacing forced Island Manpower to have another crucial turnover, as Bisana had no room to operate when he got the pass from Lizama and he stepped out of the sideline with Pelisamen harassing him.

With nine seconds left, it was JP World's turn to call a time out and at the resumption of the match, Pelisamen went for an isolation play from the right key with Teregeyo defending him. Pelisamen lost Teregeyo when he drove strong to the wing and pulled up for the bank shot against Bisana. Island Manpower had no timeout left and went for the quick inbound with Lizama getting the pass and throwing up a prayer in the last two seconds. His shot was way too short , sending the first semis game into overtime.

In the extension period, JP World opened the scoring with back-to-back triples from Estolas and Pelisaman to take control of the short frame. JP World never relinquished the upper hand although Island Manpower managed to tie the match off a Lizama triple, 80-all, 1:01 remaining in the extra canto. An Estolas split charity put JP World back on top, while Peredo also hit one charity after he intercepted Lizama's jump pass to Butch Kaipat and was fouled.

Peredo muffed his second free throw and Gyles Ruluked collared the offensive rebound, but was called for a traveling violation on his way to faking off an Island Manpower defender under the basket. With Ruluked's error, Island Manpower got the possession back and had a chance to either tie the game or grab the lead with 22 seconds left in the match. Interestingly, Island Manpower did not call a timeout to map out the crucial play and with no instructions who to go to and the clock ticking, Kaipat took matters into his own hands and drove against a phalanx of JP World defenders. He then threw a wayward shot that did not even touch the rim and Pelisamen plucked the rebound, dribbling away from Island Manpower defenders as time ran out.

With the victory, JP World advance to the finals and will face the winner of the Toka-Blue Haus playoff match in a best-of-three title series, starting this Wednesday. Results of the Toka and Blue Haus semis game will be reported in *Saipan Tribune*'s Tuesday edition.

After the heartbreaker, Island Manpower will have to settle for the consolation match, which will be played today. Island Manpower absorbed the sorry loss after blowing a 10-point lead at the start of the fourth canto, 56-46. It led by as much as a baker's dozen late in the third canto, as it more than doubled JP World's output in that period, 25-10.

JP World 82 – Pelisamen 34, Estolas 16, Ruluked 15, Peredo 7, Camacho 4.

Island Manpower 80 – Bisana 22, Teregeyo 12, Lizama 11, Norita 8, Tabora 7, Kaipat 4, Capalad 4, Standish 4, Libuw 2.

Scoring by quarters: 18-15, 36-31, 46-56, 70-70, 82-80 (OT).

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	28	22	.560	–
New York	25	23	.521	2
Baltimore	24	23	.511	2½
Tampa Bay	22	28	.440	6
Boston	20	28	.417	7

Central Division

Detroit	28	17	.622	–
Kansas City	24	24	.500	5½
Minnesota	23	23	.500	5½
Chicago	25	26	.490	6
Cleveland	24	26	.480	6½

West Division

Oakland	30	19	.612	–
Los Angeles	27	21	.563	2½
Seattle	24	24	.500	5½
Texas	24	25	.490	6
Houston	18	32	.360	12½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	27	21	.563	–
Miami	26	24	.520	2
Washington	24	25	.490	3½
Philadelphia	21	25	.457	5
New York	21	26	.447	5½

Central Division

Milwaukee	29	21	.580	–
St. Louis	27	22	.551	1½
Cincinnati	22	25	.468	5½
Pittsburgh	22	26	.458	6
Chicago	18	29	.383	9½

West Division

San Francisco	31	18	.633	–
Colorado	27	22	.551	4
Los Angeles	26	24	.520	5½
San Diego	22	28	.440	9½
Arizona	19	31	.380	12½

COLONIAL SCORES

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP)–Scores Saturday at the Colonial, a $6.4 million PGA Tour event at the 7,204-yard, par-70 Colonial Country Club course:

THIRD ROUND

Hideki Matsuyama	69-70-64–203
David Toms	72-66-65–203
Chad Campbell	69-66-68–203
Chris Stroud	70-64-69–203
Kevin Chappell	68-73-63–204
Chris Kirk	73-64-67–204
Marc Leishman	69-68-67–204
Brian Harman	69-67-68–204
Tim Clark	67-68-69–204
Jimmy Walker	67-68-69–204
Adam Scott	71-68-66–205
John Senden	71-68-66–205
Brendon Todd	69-69-67–205
Freddie Jacobson	67-71-67–205
Jason Dufner	67-69-69–205
Brian Davis	68-67-70–205
Bo Van Pelt	67-68-70–205
William McGirt	72-67-67–206
Robert Allenby	68-70-68–206
Ryan Palmer	69-69-68–206
Nicholas Thompson	69-68-69–206
Tim Wilkinson	66-71-69–206
Jordan Spieth	67-69-70–206
Aaron Baddeley	68-67-71–206
Russell Knox	71-70-66–207
David Lingmerth	72-69-66–207
Cameron Tringale	70-70-67–207
Louis Oosthuizen	72-68-67–207
Bryce Molder	70-70-67–207
Graham DeLaet	69-70-68–207
Ben Martin	70-68-69–207
Bill Haas	70-68-69–207
Charley Hoffman	70-68-69–207
Heath Slocum	69-69-69–207
Hunter Mahan	66-71-70–207
Brice Garnett	67-66-74–207
George McNeill	68-72-68–208
J.J. Henry	70-70-68–208
Trevor Immelman	69-71-68–208
Andrew Loupe	75-65-68–208
Danny Lee	71-69-68–208
Martin Laird	70-69-69–208
Bud Cauley	70-69-69–208
Ken Duke	67-72-69–208
Michael Thompson	73-66-69–208
Sean O'Hair	69-69-70–208
Billy Hurley III	71-67-70–208
Brendon de Jonge	70-68-70–208
Robert Streb	66-68-74–208
Michael Putnam	70-71-68–209
Josh Teater	68-71-70–209
Jim Furyk	69-69-71–209
Brandt Snedeker	70-66-73–209
Harris English	66-70-73–209
Dustin Johnson	65-70-74–209
Jerry Kelly	70-71-69–210
Zach Johnson	70-71-69–210
John Rollins	69-72-69–210
Steve Flesch	71-70-69–210
Vijay Singh	68-73-69–210
Matt Jones	70-67-73–210
David Hearn	67-69-74–210
Justin Leonard	69-72-70–211
Jeff Overton	70-71-70–211
Jeff Curl	71-69-71–211
Tim Herron	72-69-71–212
Brian Gay	71-69-72–212
Ricky Barnes	68-71-73–212
Briny Baird	71-70-72–213
Jonathan Byrd	70-70-73–213
Daniel Summerhays	69-71-73–213
Kyle Stanley	73-68-73–214
Boo Weekley	71-69-74–214
Davis Love III	72-69-74–215
Scott Langley	71-70-74–215

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The Week in Sports

Junior tennis players show might

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The 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships was last week's centerpiece event.

The Junior ITF world-ranking event drew players from Japan, India, Indonesia, Guam, Hong Hong, Chinese-Taipei, U.S., Australia, Thailand, and the host. The competition offered both girls and boys singles and doubles events and featured more than 70 players. The United States' Jack Barber went on to be crowned the boys singles champion, while Yurie Tananishi took the girls singles tiara. In the consolation draw, the CNMI's Tammy Ackerman won in the girls division, while Jake Lee advanced to the finals.

Meanwhile, other ongoing competitions on Saipan pushed through with their games last week.

In the QQ basketball league, playoff matches were played with JP World and Toka eliminating Rebels and High-Five, respectively, in the first round of knockout games. Blue Haus and Island Manpower prevailed in the two other playoff matches with the former beating the Hoopaholics and the latter topping the Rollers.

In two other basketball leagues, San Antonio remains unbeaten in two games in the DL Corp. caging at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium, while I Love Saipan and Gwap Gang also went 2-0 in the DLX/IT&E competition at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

In another IT&E-sponsored event—the 2014 IT&E Mixed Doubles and Singles Badminton Tournament—youth player Deether Edralin bagged three straight wins in the men's singles B after dropping his opening match. Other singles winners last week were men's A division players Macoi Aguda and Sam Bluutjens.

In football, the M-League and NMIFA Women's Spring League continued with its regular season games, while a selection of CNMI players left Saipan for Hong Kong to compete in the Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong Invitational Competition 2014.

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Millie Khoury of Australia serves, while teammate and Hong Kong's Alvina Lai waits for the next play near the net during their doubles match against Japan's Asumi Kanazawa and Yuri Katano in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

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Japan's Nanaka Takeuchi makes a baseline return to compatriot Yurie Takanishi during their title game in the girls U18 singles event in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

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Japan's Taisei Miyamoto goes for a backhand slice against Jack Barber during their title game in the boys U18 singles event in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

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The CNMI's Tammy Ackerman gets ready to serve during her and Ayana Rengiil's doubles game against Tinglak Jittakoat and Gorbua Srisirisupayok in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last week at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

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A phalanx of Shirley's FC players hounds Kanoa FC's Jeralyn Castillo during their game in the NMIFA women's league last week at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

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Island Manpower's Alex Standish, second left, beats JP World's Errol Peredo, right, in the battle for the loose ball during their semis game in the QQ caging last Friday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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The CNMI All-Stars players and team manager Johann Noetzel, standing sixth from right, pose for a photo before leaving Saipan to compete in Hong Kong last week.

Heat rally late, beat Pacers 99-87 in Game 3

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Yankees rally for 4-3 victory over White Sox

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Three-set finale caps Junior ITF event

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Jack Barber of the U.S. goes for a backhand return from the baseline during his title game against Japan's Taisei Miyamoto in the boys U18 singles event in the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club hard courts.

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There was no easy way to the championship of the 2014 IT&E Northern Marianas Junior Championships, as both title matches in the girls and boys singles divisions went to extended sets.

Fifth-ranked Jack Barber of the U.S. and Japanese Yurie Takanishi survived the three-set finale to top the Grade 5 event and bag the 30 world ranking points at stake at this second Junior ITF event the CNMI hosted.

Barber fought a nagging wrist injury that forced him to withdraw from a doubles semifinals match and outlasted the second-seeded Taisei Miyamoto in the boys finals championships game that lasted two hours and 34 minutes last Saturday at the Pacific Islands Club hard court. The U.S. junior player cruised past Miyamoto in the first set, 6-1, but had to go the distance after the Japanese labored a 6-3 win in the second set. In the deciding third set, Barber came out smoking and earned a 6-2 victory to rule the 32-player field.

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JP World nips erratic Island Manpower

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Island Manpower collapsed in the last 48 seconds of regulation, allowing JP World to eke out an 82-80 overtime win in the first semifinals game in the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League last Friday night at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Ahead at 70-67, Island Manpower committed four turnovers in less than a minute, making it possible for JP World to force a standoff with Errol Peredo splitting his charities and Freddie Pelisamen drilling the equalizer with two seconds left in the fourth quarter.

Island Manpower took the

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JP World's Juan Camacho is sandwiched by Island Manpower's Syl Teregeyo, second left, and Alex Standish, right, as they battle for the rebound in the closing seconds of the fourth quarter of their semis match in the QQ caging last Friday at the Garapan Basketball Court.

Kensuke resets 3 CNMI records

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Kensuke Kimura, seen here competing in the 100m backstroke event in a local meet last year, reset three CNMI national records during the 2014 Oceania Swimming Championships held at the West Wave Aquatic Centre in Auckland, New Zealand last week.

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The CNMI's Kensuke Kimura had three record-breaking swims in the 2014 Oceania Swimming Championships held at the West Wave Aquatic Centre in Auckland, New Zealand last week.

Kimura started his string of CNMI national marks in the May 20 to 23 competition via the 100m backstroke, as he clocked in 1:02.67 in the finals of the sprint event. The Tsunami Saipan Swimming Center member advanced to the finals after

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